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1                   [There was no reportable action resulting  
2                   from the Board's discussion of Item CS-1.]

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6   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS  
7 MORNING'S MEETING. IF I COULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE FIND A  
8 SEAT. THIS MORNING, OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE REVEREND  
9 LAWRENCE DROUGHN OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH  
10 HOLLYWOOD. OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY L.R.  
11 ENCHAVARRIA, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE CULVER CITY POST NUMBER 2  
12 OF THE AMERICAN VETERANS. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND?

13

14   **THE REVEREND LAWRENCE DROUGHN:** LET US BOW OUR HEADS. OUR GOD  
15 IN HEAVEN, WE HUMBLY COME TO YOU IN PRAYER FOR THIS GREAT CITY  
16 OF LOS ANGELES, OUR SURROUNDING CITIES AND COUNTIES. WE PRAY  
17 FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN VOTED INTO OFFICE TO LEAD  
18 AND GUIDE THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT CITY TO A BETTER QUALITY OF  
19 LIFE. IN THIS WONDERFULLY DIVERSE COMMUNITY, HELP US TO  
20 EMBRACE OUR DIFFERENCES AND MANY CULTURES. LET THE WORLD SEE  
21 US PROSPER AS WE BENEFIT FROM THOUGHTFUL, FAIR AND FIRM  
22 DECISIONS MADE HERE TODAY. OUR MAYOR, ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA,  
23 HAS ASKED THAT WE DREAM WITH HIM. LET THE WORLD SEE, BY OUR  
24 EXAMPLE, THAT WORKING TOGETHER CAN MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE.  
25 GRANT US LIKE MINDS AS WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR POWER AND ALL THAT



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1 IS ACCOMPLISHED HERE TODAY AND WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR  
2 EACH AND EVERY BLESSING. AMEN.

3

4 **L.R. ENCHAVARRIA:** HANDS OVER YOUR HEARTS, PLEASE, AND REPEAT  
5 AFTER ME. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

6

7 **L.R. ENCHAVARRIS:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE MR. ENCHAVARRIA  
12 AND HE IS FROM THE CULVER CITY POST BUT HE TELLS ME HE LIVED  
13 IN VENICE FOR A LONG TIME AND STILL LIVES THERE. HE'S A  
14 RETIRED TEAMSTER UNION MEMBER. HE WENT TO HUNTINGTON PARK HIGH  
15 SCHOOL. HE WAS IN THE ARMY FROM '53 TO '56 AS A CORPORAL,  
16 841ST ENGINEER BATTALION. HE SERVED IN KOREA. HE RECEIVED THE  
17 ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL,  
18 KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL WITH STAR AND UNITED NATIONS SERVICE  
19 MEDAL, AND HE'S A MEMBER OF AMVETS POST 2 IN CULVER CITY. HE  
20 HAS TWO CHILDREN AND HE HAS LIVED IN THE DISTRICT FOR 46  
21 YEARS. AND HE TELLS ME HE GOES OUT, THOUGH, ALL OVER, NOT ONLY  
22 TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUT TO OTHER PLACES TO PROVIDE  
23 ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE AS THEY HONOR THEIR LOVED ONES. THANK YOU  
24 FOR BEING HERE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE  
2    OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
5    BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 4. ON ITEM S-1, WE HAVE A REQUEST  
6    FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, ALTHOUGH  
7    IT'S NOTED THAT THE DIRECTOR IS REQUESTING THE ITEM BE  
8    CONTINUED TO AUGUST 16.

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL HOLD THAT ITEM.

11

12   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
13   COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
16   SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9.  
19   ON ITEM NUMBER 9, AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I'M REQUESTING THAT  
20   THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO MY OFFICE.

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

23

24   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2    KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,  
3    SO ORDERED.

4

5    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ITEM 10.

6

7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
8    SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 11. WE HAVE A  
11   REQUEST TO HOLD THIS ITEM FOR SUPERVISORS KNABE, ANTONOVICH  
12   AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM.

15

16   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, ITEM 12. THE  
17   CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED  
18   BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM WILL BE REFERRED BACK.

21

22   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CONSUMER AFFAIRS, NUMBER 13.

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
25   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 14.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
5 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FISH AND GAME COMMISSION, ITEM 15.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
10 SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 16 THROUGH 20, AND  
13 I HAVE FOLLOWING REQUESTS. ON ITEM NUMBER 16, HOLD FOR  
14 SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY, KNABE, AND ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF  
15 THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK  
16 CONTINUANCE. AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY  
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF  
20 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PROBATION, ITEMS 21 AND-- 21 THROUGH 23.  
23 ON ITEM NUMBER 23, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK  
24 CONTINUANCE. I'M SORRY. ON ITEM 22, THAT SHOULD BE 22,  
25 SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE. AND, ON ITEM





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1 23, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK  
2 CONTINUANCE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT LEAVES ITEM NUMBER 21.  
5 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF  
6 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 24 THROUGH 38. ON  
9 ITEM NUMBER 24, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 31,  
10 ALSO HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL HOLD THOSE TWO ITEMS. ON THE  
13 REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
14 YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 39 THROUGH 41.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
19 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 42.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
24 SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 43  
2 THROUGH 48. ON ITEM NUMBER 44, THE COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS A  
3 ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED  
6 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF  
7 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 49 AND 50. 49 IS  
10 BEFORE YOU FOR APPROVAL.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
13 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
14 ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON 50, WE HAVE THE TREASURER AND TAX  
17 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
18 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
19 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2002 ELECTION 2005 SERIES C IN  
20 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90 MILLION.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
23 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO  
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC HEARING, ON ITEM NUMBER 51, WE'LL  
2 HOLD THIS FOR HEARING. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
3 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
4 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
5 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
6 ITEM 52-A.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
13 DISTRICT NO. 2.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR? ON ITEM 49, THAT'S BEEN ON OUR AGENDA  
16 EVERY WEEK. WHAT WAS THE NEED TO APPROVE THAT?

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IT'S EVERY OTHER WEEK, SUPERVISOR, AND I  
19 UNDERSTAND THAT...

20

21 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
22 PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS CODE, I THINK IT IS, THE  
23 EMERGENCY NEEDS TO BE RENEWED EVERY TWO WEEKS, SO YOUR BOARD  
24 HAS TO TAKE ACTION EVERY SECOND WEEK TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC  
25 WORKS DIRECTORS AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO CONTRACTING.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THAT MIGHT BE UPDATED, THEN, TO ELIMINATE  
3 ACTING DIRECTOR.

4

5 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** VERY GOOD POINT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WITH THAT CORRECTION, THAT ITEM  
8 HAS BEEN APPROVED. LET ME CALL ON MR. YAROSLAVSKY FOR A  
9 PRESENTATION.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU. WE WERE LED IN THE  
12 INVOCATION THIS MORNING, VERY HONORED TO HAVE HIM HERE, BY  
13 ELDER LAWRENCE DROUGHN, WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE YOUTH  
14 PASTOR AND OVERSEEING YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES AT THE FIRST  
15 BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD. ELDER DROUGHN BECAME A  
16 LICENSED MINISTER IN 1998 AT CAMARILLA FIRST CHURCH OF GOD AND  
17 CHRIST. IN 2000, HE WAS ORDAINED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF  
18 BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE OF WEST LOS ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD AND  
19 CHRIST. HE IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AT THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
20 RESCUE MISSION, WHICH IS THE ONLY EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER IN  
21 THE ENTIRE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY THAT PROVIDES TEMPORARY  
22 OVERNIGHT SHELTER, MEALS AND CLOTHING FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES.  
23 ELDER DROUGHN IS MARRIED, HE HAS FOUR CHILDREN AND HE AND HIS  
24 WIFE-- I'VE JUST BEEN PRESENTED WITH THIS COMPACT DISK OF YOUR  
25 SONGS, SO I'LL LET YOU KNOW NEXT WEEK HOW GOOD OF A MUSICIAN



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1 AND SINGER HE IS. I SUSPECT HE'S PRETTY GOOD. THANK YOU VERY  
2 MUCH FOR YOUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO  
3 OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SPECIAL WELCOME THIS MORNING.  
6 GOOD MORNING. HOW ARE YOU? THIS MORNING, WE ARE WELCOMING TO  
7 LOS ANGELES A NEW COUNTY CONSUL-GENERAL OF GERMANY, THE  
8 HONORABLE CHRISTIAN STOCKS. CONSUL-GENERAL STOCKS WAS BORN IN  
9 GERMANY IN 1947. HE STUDIED POLITICAL SCIENCE, HISTORY, ART  
10 HISTORY AND POLITICAL LAW IN GERMANY AND FRANCE. HE CONTINUED  
11 HIS POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF HARVARD, ESSEX  
12 AND MICHIGAN AND RECEIVED HIS PH.D. IN 1976 FROM THE UNIVERSAL  
13 OF KIEL. PRIOR TO COMING TO LOS ANGELES, THE CONSUL-GENERAL  
14 WAS APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CHIEF  
15 OF PROTOCOL FOR THE STATE AND THE CITY OF BERLIN AND HAS BEEN  
16 POSTED IN INDIA, MADRID, AND LONDON. WE'RE PLEASED TO WELCOME  
17 CONSUL-GENERAL STOCKS AND HIS FAMILY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE  
18 WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU THIS LITTLE TOKEN OF OUR FRIENDSHIP AND  
19 APPRECIATION AND WE WELCOME YOU HERE AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL  
20 CALL ON US IF THERE IS ANY TIME THAT WE CAN BE OF ANY SERVICE  
21 TO YOU.

22

23 **THE HONORABLE CHRISTIAN STOCKS:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
24 INDEED.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME, SIR.

2

3    **THE HONORABLE CHRISTIAN:** THIS IS BEAUTIFUL.

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5    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF YOU'D PLEASE SHARE A COUPLE OF WORDS,  
6    WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

7

8    **THE HONORABLE CHRISTIAN STOCKS:** WELL, THANK YOU, THANK YOU  
9    VERY MUCH INDEED FOR THIS SPLENDID WELCOME. I WANTED TO EXTEND  
10   THE GREETINGS OF MY GOVERNMENT WHICH SHOWED AN ENORMOUS  
11   WISENESS TO SEND ME TO LOS ANGELES. I HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE,  
12   ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN. WHEN THE GOVERNING  
13   MAYOR OF BERLIN VISITED ABOUT 2-1/2 YEARS AGO THE OLDEST  
14   SISTER CITY OF BERLIN, WHICH IS LOS ANGELES, TO CELEBRATE 35  
15   YEARS OF SISTER CITYSHIP. GERMANY IS VERY MUCH INTERESTED TO  
16   SEE WHAT IS GOING ON IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, IN THE SOUTHERN  
17   PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS INTEREST  
18   IN FINDING OUT HOW YOU DEAL WITH THE SEVERAL WAVES OF  
19   IMMIGRATION THROUGHOUT THE PAST CENTURIES AND THROUGHOUT THE  
20   PAST DECADES BECAUSE WE ARE-- HAVE FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGED, IN  
21   GERMANY, THAT WE WERE THE LAND OF IMMIGRANTS AS WELL. BERLIN,  
22   THE CAPITAL OF GERMANY, HOSTS PEOPLE FROM 180 DIFFERENT  
23   NATIONS, ABOUT 10% OF OUR POPULATION IS COMING FROM FOREIGN  
24   NATIONS. AND WE ARE HAPPY AND PROUD OF THAT. SO I LOOK FORWARD  
25   TO A NUMBER OF GOOD YEARS, THE PERFECT CLIMATE OF LOS ANGELES



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1 AND, WHENEVER I FEEL THE NEED, I SHOULD LIKE TO CALL ON YOU TO  
2 ASK FOR HELP, ASSISTANCE AND EXPLANATIONS, PERHAPS, AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD.

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6 **THE HONORABLE CHRISTIAN STOCKS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. TAKE A PHOTO?

9

10 **THE HONORABLE CHRISTIAN STOCKS:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE A VERY SPECIAL  
15 PRIVILEGE THIS MORNING TO INTRODUCE TO EVERYONE THE AUGUST  
16 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. 2004, I SAID, NOT 2005. AND THAT'S  
17 GEORGE ARTHUR MITCHELL. UNFORTUNATELY, AT THE TIME OF GEORGE'S  
18 SELECTION, HE WAS UNABLE TO BE HERE WITH US LAST YEAR TO BE  
19 RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD BECAUSE HE WAS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY  
20 IN IRAQ. GEORGE RECENTLY COMPLETED HIS COMMITMENT TO OUR  
21 COUNTRY AND HAS RETURNED TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
22 IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR. NOW HAVING MORE THAN NINE YEARS OF  
23 EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, MR. MITCHELL IS  
24 CURRENTLY WORKING AS A STATIONARY ENGINEER WITH THE INTERNAL  
25 SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHERE HE WORKS WITH GAS TURBINES, HIS



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1 SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST. HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ANALYZING  
2 OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO  
3 COMPLEX ISSUES IN PROVIDING CRITICAL SERVICES TO HOSPITALS,  
4 DETENTION AND OTHER FACILITIES. GEORGE IS CREDITED FOR HIS  
5 INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH CAREER DEVELOPMENT  
6 PROGRAM, WORKING BEYOND NORMAL HOURS WITH THE EMANCIPATED  
7 FOSTER YOUTH TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND MENTORING TOWARD A GOAL  
8 OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT. HE'S ALSO PERFORMED TRAINING IN POWER  
9 PLANT EQUIPMENT FOR STATIONARY ENGINEER PREMISES AND HELPERS.  
10 AFTER FOUR YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES  
11 ARMY, GEORGE HAS COMPLETED AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF MILITARY  
12 SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL GUARD. AFTER 9/11, HE REENLISTED IN  
13 THE GUARD, WHERE HIS UNIT WAS SENT TO IRAQ TO PROVIDE SECURITY  
14 FOR MILITARY BASE ASSIGNED TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY TANK  
15 CREW. HE IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE HIS OFFICIAL DISCHARGE FROM  
16 THE MILITARY SOON. I KNOW I SPEAK FOR MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES  
17 AND ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY THAT WE'RE VERY  
18 GRATEFUL THAT HE'S BACK WITH US, SAFELY RETURNED AND KNOW THAT  
19 THE WILL WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SAME DEDICATION AND  
20 PERFORMANCE IN HIS DUTIES AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE AS HE DID FOR  
21 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND SO OUR EMPLOYEE OF THE  
22 MONTH, AUGUST 2004, GEORGE MITCHELL, MOST THANKFUL FOR HIS JOB  
23 WITH I.S.D. BUT MOST THANKFUL THAT HE'S SAFE, HE RETURNED AND  
24 HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. GEORGE,  
25 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **GEORGE MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR TIME AND THIS WONDERFUL AWARD. SECOND,  
4 I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL MY SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR GREAT  
5 LEADERSHIP AND, LAST, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY OF LOS  
6 ANGELES FOR MY EXCELLENT JOB AND ALL THEIR SUPPORT WHILE I WAS  
7 IN IRAQ. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR  
10 KNABE, FOR RECOGNIZING GEORGE TODAY. GOING OVER HIS  
11 BACKGROUND, IT STRUCK ME THAT, EVEN TAKEN INDIVIDUALLY, THAT  
12 HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY OR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS  
13 COUNTRY OR HIS COMMUNITY, EACH OF THOSE WOULD HAVE MERITED  
14 RECOGNITION. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS, I THINK, TAKEN COLLECTIVELY,  
15 ARE TRULY EMBLEMATIC OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CIVIL SERVANT  
16 AND WE THANK HIM FOR THAT. HE'S A VERY YOUNG MAN. HIS  
17 ACHIEVEMENTS AT THIS STAGE IN LIFE ARE HUMBLING, AT LEAST TO  
18 ME. SO WE THANK HIM. WE'RE GRATEFUL HE HAD A SAFE RETURN AND  
19 WE LOOK FORWARD TO A LONG AND PROSPEROUS CAREER WITH THE  
20 COUNTY THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT, I'D LIKE TO INVITE KATHLEEN LOHRAN AND  
23 CAPTAIN RALPH WEB, SERGEANT TOM MCNEIL AND OFFICER JOE ZEEZEE  
24 AND BILL FUENTES TO PLEASE JOIN ME UP HERE. OH, THEY'RE  
25 ALREADY HERE. OH. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



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1 ARE CRITICAL TO NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND ADD TO ITS QUALITY OF  
2 LIFE. THEREFORE, AWARENESS AND COOPERATION ARE IMPORTANT  
3 THEMES OF OUR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PROGRAM. THE 22ND ANNUAL  
4 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PROGRAM, WHICH IS BEING HELD TONIGHT,  
5 PROVIDES A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR UNINCORPORATED SOUTH  
6 WHITTIER AND EAST WHITTIER TO JOIN FORCES WITH THOUSANDS OF  
7 OTHER COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN PROMOTING COOPERATIVE  
8 LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION EFFORTS. THE  
9 WHITTIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL ASSISTS  
10 THE NORWALK STATION, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SANTA FE  
11 SPRING STATIONS, THE JOINT CROWN DRUG AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
12 EFFORTS IN UNINCORPORATED SOUTH WHITTIER AND EAST WHITTIER,  
13 THE HIGHWAY PATROL AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF THE LEAD  
14 AGENCY SUPPORTING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2005. JOINING US TODAY,  
15 AS I MENTIONED, IS KATHLEEN LOHRAN, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF  
16 THE WHITTIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL.  
17 CAPTAIN RALPH WEB OF THE NORWALK SHERIFF STATION, OFFICER JOE  
18 ZEEZEE OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, SANTA FE SPRINGS OFFICE.  
19 SO WE'D LIKE TO THANK THEM ALL FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS AND  
20 DEDICATED EFFORTS TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND CONGRATULATE YOU ON  
21 THE SUCCESS OF THIS ONGOING PROGRAM. I WANT TO ASK KATHLEEN TO  
22 SAY A FEW WORDS ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP BUT I ALSO WANT TO  
23 THANK OFFICER ZEEZEE, WHO WE SEE ON TELEVISION A LOT. HE'S  
24 BEING PROMOTED. WE'RE GOING TO LOSE HIM AT SANTA FE SPRINGS  
25 BUT HE'LL STILL BE INVOLVED IN COORDINATING A LOT OF





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1 ACTIVITIES COUNTYWIDE, SO, JOE, WE WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY  
2 BEST IN YOUR PROMOTION. KATHLEEN?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, IF YOU'D PERMIT ME  
5 BEFORE-- I WOULD LIKE-- YOU KNOW, MANY OF US ARE HOSTING OR  
6 SEEING EVENTS FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AND WE'RE REALLY PLEASED  
7 BUT WE SHARE THIS BORDER DISTRICT AND SO MY STAFF HAS HAD AN  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH KATHLEEN AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT  
9 AS A FORMER FIRST DISTRICT RESIDENT BUT THE WORK THAT YOU'VE  
10 DONE IN PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AND WORKING COOPERATIVELY. I  
11 THINK YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, IN ORDER TO KEEP A NEIGHBORHOOD  
12 SAFE, IT REALLY BEGINS WITH MAKING SURE THAT OUR COUNTY HOLDS  
13 UP ITS END OF IT, OF MAINTAINING AND EFFECTIVE AND CLEAN  
14 NEIGHBORHOOD AND I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE OFFICERS THAT  
15 HAVE DONE SO WELL. THIS IS A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WE HARDLY GET  
16 ANY COMPLAINTS FROM BECAUSE EVERYBODY DOES SUCH AN OUTSTANDING  
17 JOB OUT THERE SO WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. CONGRATULATIONS,  
18 KATHLEEN.

19

20 **KATHLEEN LOHRAN:** THANK YOU SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, CHAIR. I  
21 WOULD LIKE TO CORDIALLY INVITE ALL OF YOU TO ATTEND OUR 22ND  
22 ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, WHICH WILL BE HELD THIS EVENING.  
23 WE'LL HAVE A MARCH AGAINST CRIME AND DRUGS STARTING AT 6:00  
24 P.M. THIS EVENING AT THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER IN SOUTH  
25 WHITTIER OFF OF LAUREL. WE WILL MARCH A MILE-AND-A-HALF TO THE



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1 SHERIFF TRAINING ACADEMY ON THE CORNER OF COLIMA AND TELEGRAPH  
2 ROAD. THERE, WE WILL CELEBRATE CRIME, GIVING CRIME AND DRUGS A  
3 GOING-AWAY PARTY. WE'LL HAVE A LOT OF VENDORS THERE, CRIME  
4 PREVENTION STAFF, INFORMATION BOOTHS, KID PRINT. WE'LL HAVE  
5 WAREHOUSE SHOE SALES PROVIDING THE ENTERTAINMENT AND DEEJAY  
6 FOR THE EVENING AND YOU'RE ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND. THANK YOU  
7 VERY MUCH.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, KATHLEEN.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I HAVE A JOINT  
14 PRESENTATION WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AND THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL  
15 WHO REALLY DID A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA AND, BY DOING THAT  
16 LITTLE BIT OF EXTRA, PERHAPS SAVED THE LIFE OF A YOUNG BOY.  
17 WITH ME THIS MORNING IS DR. EDWARD ZAPATA, WHO JEOPARDIZED HIS  
18 SAFETY WHEN HE BECAME THE GOOD SAMARITAN AFTER WITNESSING A  
19 YOUNG BOY BEING TERRORIZED BY HIS FATHER AND THEN, TAKING  
20 ACTION, HELPED SAVE THAT YOUNG MAN'S LIFE. WITH ME IS ALSO OUR  
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, OUR GREAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, STEVE COOLEY,  
22 THE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO HANDLED THAT CASE, OSCAR  
23 PLACENCIA, AND DR. ZAPATA'S WIFE, EVELYN, HIS DAUGHTER, JESSE,  
24 WHO WAS WITH HIM THAT EVENING, HIS OTHER DAUGHTER, DONNELLE,  
25 AND HIS NEPHEW, ISAAC. IN OCTOBER OF THIS PAST YEAR, THE



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1 DEFENDANT ATTEMPTED TO FORCE HIS SON TO PARTICIPATE IN A DINE-  
2 AND-DASH SCHEME AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT WHERE THEY WOULD SNEAK  
3 OUT WITHOUT PAYING THE BILL. WELL, THAT YOUNG BOY REFUSED AND  
4 HIS FATHER HAD TO PAY THE BILL AND, BECAUSE OF THAT, HE BECAME  
5 VERY ANGRY WITH HIS SON, YELLING PROFANITIES AS THEY DROVE  
6 HOME ON THE FREEWAY. DURING THAT TRIP, THE DEFENDANT BECAME SO  
7 INCENSED THAT HE YANKED OUT ALMOST A THIRD OF THAT BOY'S HAIR.  
8 WHEN THE DEFENDANT ARRIVED AT HOME AND PARKED HIS CAR, HIS SON  
9 WAS SO TERRIFIED OF BEING BEATEN THAT HE WAS GOING TO RECEIVE,  
10 HE RAN ACROSS A FOUR-LANE STREET TO A CORNER LIQUOR STORE. DR.  
11 ZAPATA, IN HIS TRUCK, WITH HIS DAUGHTER, JESSE, HE SAW THIS  
12 UNFOLDING BEFORE HIM AND, INSTEAD OF CLOSING HIS EYES AND  
13 DRIVING HOME AND SAYING, "THAT'S TOO BAD," HE TOOK ACTION. SO  
14 HE PULLED INTO THE LIQUOR STORE PARKING LOT AND HE WENT INTO  
15 THE STORE TO INTERVENE. INSIDE, THE BOY WAS BEHIND THE FRONT  
16 COUNTER AS HIS FATHER WAS YELLING OBSCENITIES AT HIM. SORRY TO  
17 SAY THAT LIQUOR STORE EMPLOYEE WAS NOT THE GOOD SAMARITAN  
18 BECAUSE HE TURNED THE CHILD OVER TO THE IRATE FATHER. WELL,  
19 THE STORE PERSONNEL DOING THAT, DR. ZAPATA PLEADED, CALLED--  
20 AND WHEN DR. ZAPATA TOLD THE EMPLOYEE TO CALL THE POLICE, THE  
21 EMPLOYEE REFUSED TO DO THAT. SO, AS MORE PHYSICAL ABUSE WAS  
22 ASSURED, DR. ZAPATA WATCHED THE DEFENDANT CROSS THE STREET  
23 WITH HIS SON AND, WHEN THE CHILD BROKE AWAY FROM HIS FATHER,  
24 DR. ZAPATA IMMEDIATELY TOOK THE BOY INTO HIS CAR AND CALLED  
25 THE POLICE, WHO THEN TOOK CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. HE SERVES



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1 AS A ROLE MODEL WITNESS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SUPPORTING  
2 THE PROSECUTION 100%. HIS DAUGHTER, JESSIE, WAS ALSO  
3 COURAGEOUS AS A WITNESS IN THE COURT WHO TESTIFIED, DESPITE  
4 HER FEARS. AND, THANKS IN LARGE PART TO DR. ZAPATA AND  
5 JESSIE'S TESTIMONY IN COURT, THE DEFENDANT WAS CONVICTED ON  
6 ALL THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND GIVEN SIX YEARS IN THE STATE  
7 PENITENTIARY ON TWO FELONY ACCOUNTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND  
8 INFLICTION OF PUNISHMENT TO INJURY TO CHILD. SO HE NOT ONLY  
9 ACTED AS A MODEL CITIZEN BUT AS A HERO TO OUR YOUNG,  
10 DEFENSELESS BOY WHOSE LIFE AND ACTIONS WERE SAVED BY THAT.  
11 FURTHER, HE TAUGHT AN EXAMPLE TO HIS DAUGHTER AND I SHOULD SAY  
12 HIS DAUGHTERS, AND HIS NEPHEW AND HIS WIFE THE TRUE MEANING OF  
13 COURAGE AND COMPASSION BY DISREGARDING HIS OWN SAFETY TO HELP  
14 A COMPLETE STRANGER. SO, DR. ZAPATA, WE WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS  
15 PROCLAMATION AND WE ALSO HAVE ONE FOR LITTLE JESSE, THANK YOU  
16 FOR YOUR ACTIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **OSCAR PLACENCIA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS OSCAR  
19 PLACENCIA AND I'M THE DEPUTY D.A. WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO  
20 PROSECUTE THE CASE OF THE PEOPLE VERSUS HENRY SILVA. FIRST OF  
21 ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
22 RECOGNIZING DR. ZAPATA AND ALSO JESSIE FOR BEING COURAGEOUS  
23 CITIZENS AND STEPPING FORWARD AND HAVING THE COURAGE TO DO  
24 SOMETHING. I'D ALSO LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK BOTH OF THEM JUST  
25 FOR BEING SUCH GRACIOUS AND CONSCIENTIOUS WITNESSES IN COURT.



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1 I CAN'T BEGIN TO EMPHASIZE HOW MUCH OF A HELP THEY WERE IN  
2 THIS CASE AND I CAN SAY EMPHATICALLY THAT THEY WERE THE KEY TO  
3 CONVICTION AGAINST THIS DEFENDANT WHO WAS ABUSING HIS SON.  
4 ALSO, I'D LIKE TO THANK THEM ON BEHALF OF OUR OFFICE FOR  
5 SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR CITIZENS WHO OFTENTIMES MAY BE AFRAID  
6 TO COME FORWARD AND TO GET INVOLVED. I THINK THAT THEIR  
7 EXAMPLE IS REALLY COURAGEOUS AND INSPIRATIONAL. AND I HAVE  
8 JUST A FINAL QUOTE THAT I THINK WAS ALMOST WRITTEN FOR BOTH OF  
9 THEM BY HENRY MILLER, THE RECENTLY DECEASED AMERICAN AUTHOR  
10 AND HE OBSERVED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HERO AND AN ORDINARY  
11 CITIZEN AND WHAT HE SAID WAS THAT, "AN ORDINARY CITIZEN IS  
12 SIMPLY INVOLVED IN ACTION WHEREAS A HERO ACTS." SO THANK YOU  
13 TO BOTH JESSIE AND TO DR. ZAPATA FOR ACTING AND MAKING A VERY  
14 BIG DIFFERENCE IN AN EIGHT YEAR OLD BOY'S LIFE WHO NEEDED HELP  
15 DESPERATELY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **STEVE COOLEY, D.A.:** I JUST WANT TO ECHO OSCAR'S WORDS. HE'S A  
18 GREAT DEPUTY D.A. BUT WE CAN'T DO OUR JOB WITHOUT WITNESSES  
19 WHO STAND UP AND DO THE RIGHT THING IN COURT AND SOMETIMES IN  
20 THE STREETS. DR. ZAPATA, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HEROIC ACT.  
21 I'M SURE WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN AT THE D.A.'S COURAGEOUS CITIZEN  
22 AWARDS IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.

23

24 **DR. EDWARD J. ZAPATA:** I GUESS I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THANKS TO  
25 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY MR. ANTONOVICH, FOR





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1 RECOGNIZING US. ALSO, I'D LIKE TO SAY I'M VERY PROUD OF MY  
2 DAUGHTER FOR HELPING OUT IN THIS CASE. SHE WAS PRETTY BRAVE  
3 THAT EVENING AND SHE WAS EVEN BRAVER DURING THE TRIAL, WHICH  
4 IS PRETTY DIFFICULT TO RELIVE THOSE KIND OF SITUATIONS. ALSO,  
5 I'D LIKE TO SAY THANKS TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND ESPECIALLY  
6 GLORIA HERE, TOO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD I JUST MAKE ONE QUICK  
11 INTRODUCTION I FORGOT TO DO DURING MY PRESENTATIONS? I'D LIKE  
12 TO INTRODUCE A SPECIAL GUEST THAT WE HAVE HERE THIS MORNING.  
13 WE HAVE THE MEMBERS OF L.A. CARE'S REGIONAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY  
14 COMMITTEE TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. I'D LIKE-- WOULD YOU ALL  
15 PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. THESE ARE COMMUNITY HEALTH  
16 ADVOCATES THAT ADVISE L.A. CARE ON MAJOR HEALTH ISSUES THAT  
17 AFFECT THEIR COMMUNITY. THEY JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED A SIX-  
18 WEEK ADVOCACY TRAINING PROGRAM, INCLUDING PUBLIC SPEAKING,  
19 STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND COALITION BUILDING. SO  
20 WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME THEM AS THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR L.A.  
21 CARE'S REGIONAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. WELCOME. THANK  
22 YOU FOR BEING HERE. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD ONCE AGAIN WELCOME TO THE BOARD  
25 OF SUPERVISORS TAHRA GORAYA, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF



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1 DAY ONE, WHO IS HERE AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARES THE  
2 MONTH OF AUGUST AS YOUTH MONTH. IN COLLABORATION WITH  
3 PASADENA, THE COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA AND OTHER LOCAL SERVICE  
4 AGENCIES, DAY ONE IS COMMITTED TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF  
5 LIFE FOR OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, THE FUTURE OF OUR  
6 COMMUNITY. IN AUGUST, DAY ONE AND ITS PARTNERS WILL SPONSOR  
7 DRUG-FREE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN FOCUSING ON POSITIVE LIFE  
8 EXPERIENCES DESIGNED TO ENTERTAIN, CHALLENGE AND EDUCATE.  
9 PASADENA AND ALTADENA, HOME TO APPROXIMATELY 45,000 CHILDREN,  
10 HAVE TOGETHER ADOPTED THE PASADENA ALTADENA, A FAMILY  
11 COMMUNITY POLICY, A COMMITMENT TO ENHANCE THAT QUALITY OF LIFE  
12 FOR OUR CHILDREN, OUR YOUTH, AND OUR FAMILIES. SO TAHRA, ONCE  
13 AGAIN, I'LL JUST GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION AND WISH YOU  
14 CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH HELPING OUR CHILDREN. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **TAHRA GORAYA:** THANK YOU AGAIN. AND NOW IN ITS 11TH YEAR, YOUTH  
17 MONTH STARTED BY YOUTH FOR YOUTH, AGAIN 11 YEARS AGO WITH  
18 CONCERNS OF INCREASED CRIME AND DRUG USE DURING THE MONTH OF  
19 AUGUST AND THIS IS OUR ANSWER BY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO SAY THAT  
20 WE REALLY NEED TO DEDICATE A MONTH DEVOTED TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE  
21 TO PROVIDE POSITIVE, HEALTHY AND DRUG-FREE ACTIVITIES. SO WE  
22 HAVE CALENDARS BEING PASSED AROUND. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
23 THEM. THIS IS FOR ANY YOUTH. ACTIVITIES ARE FREE OR AT VERY  
24 LOW COST AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE'D LIKE TO INVITE EVERYBODY  
25 TO OUR YOUTH MONTH KICKOFF THIS FRIDAY AT JOHN MAYER HIGH



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1 SCHOOL, A YOUTH TALENT SHOW THAT WILL BE SHOWCASED THIS  
2 FRIDAY. SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND WE LOOK  
3 FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE BUSTER, WHO IS A 8-WEEK  
6 OLD BOXER MIX. HE WON'T BITE YOUR EAR OFF LIKE ONE OF THOSE  
7 OTHER BOXERS DID. THIS IS A LITTLE LOVING BOXER AND HE'S  
8 LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING ON TELEVISION  
9 CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN,  
10 (562) 728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE  
11 LITTLE BUSTER. HE'S FULL OF VINEGAR AND HOPEFULLY THAT'S ALL  
12 FOR RIGHT NOW. [ LAUGHTER ]

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT COMPLETES YOUR PRESENTATIONS? ALL  
15 RIGHT. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY OTHER PRESENTATIONS.  
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE, I THINK YOU'RE UP FIRST FOR YOUR SPECIALS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, A NUMBER OF  
19 ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. KATHLEEN-  
20 - KATHERINE WHITE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 29TH. SHE WAS AN  
21 INCREDIBLE DOCTOR, JOURNEYING TO LONG BEACH WITH HER PHYSICIAN  
22 HUSBAND, DR. NICOLAS ODDO, WHERE THEY BUILT A SMALL OFFICE AND  
23 JUST CONTINUED TO BE GREAT \_\_\_\_\_ THROUGHOUT THE  
24 COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT THE CITIES OF LONG BEACH AND SIGNAL  
25 HILL. SHE, YOU KNOW, WAS CONTINUING TO RISK THE LIVE OF OTHERS



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1 AND SHE WAS JUST A WONDERFUL PERSON AND A GREAT DOCTOR AND SHE  
2 WILL BE MISSED. ALSO, JUST GOT NOTIFICATION, THAT WE ADJOURN  
3 IN MEMORY OF MR. FRANK MITCHELLINA WHO PASSED AWAY DURING  
4 SURGERY THIS PAST WEEKEND. LONG TIME FRIEND, WILL BE SORELY  
5 MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
6 MEMORY OF JOYCE BRAKENSIEK, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96.  
7 VERY ACTIVE IN THE BELLFLOWER COMMUNITY AS A VOLUNTEER AND SHE  
8 MARRIED HER LONG TIME HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART, CLIFTON, WHO  
9 LATER BECAME ONE OF BELLFLOWER'S FIRST COUNCIL MEMBERS. SHE  
10 WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE CITY AND, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A  
11 LIBRARY, A COUNTY LIBRARY IN BELLFLOWER IS NAMED AFTER HER AND  
12 HER HUSBAND. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE SONS, CARL, EVERETT  
13 AND WARREN, THREE DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW, SUZANNE, CAROL AND NANCY  
14 AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND A GREAT GRANDSON. ALSO THAT WE  
15 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BETTY LANDONBERGER. BETTY IS THE AUNT OF  
16 MY CHIEF OF STAFF, KIRK PATTERSON, WHO PASSED AWAY THURSDAY,  
17 JULY 14TH. LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH, WENT TO SCHOOL AT  
18 POLY. VERY ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON,  
19 CLAY, A RETIRED SERGEANT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
20 DEPARTMENT, THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS, FIVE GREAT GRANDDAUGHTERS  
21 AND TWO GREAT GRANDSONS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
22 MYRON FLOREN, WHO PASSED AWAY IN ROLLING HILLS ESTATES HOME.  
23 HE WAS BEST KNOWN AS THE ACCLAIMED ACCORDION PLAYER AND  
24 ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR ON THE LAWRENCE WELK SHOW. AND HE WAS THE  
25 SON OF A GRAIN FARMER WHO MOVED HERE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA. HE MET



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1 LAWRENCE WELK DURING ONE OF WELK'S SHOWS IN SOUTH DAKOTA AND  
2 WELK INVITED HIM ON THE STAGE TO PLAY A FEW TUNES AND NEXT  
3 THING YOU KNOW, HERE HE WAS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
4 BERDINE, FIVE DAUGHTERS AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE  
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAELLA HOTTENROTH-NUNEZ, WHO WAS FIVE  
6 MONTHS OLD. SHE PASSED AWAY ON JULY 26TH. THIS PRECIOUS BABY  
7 GIRL IS SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS, JENNIFER AND ROGER, AND HER  
8 BIG BROTHER, COREY. MICHAELLA'S MOTHER, JENNIFER, IS A LONG  
9 SERVING DEDICATED EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
10 FAMILY SERVICES. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO JENNIFER  
11 AND HER FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT  
12 MICHAEL TATRO, JR., WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED BY A TRUCK WHILE  
13 RIDING HIS MOTORCYCLE ON SATURDAY. HE WAS ONLY 25 YEARS OLD, A  
14 GRADUATE OF HIGH SCHOOL IN LONG BEACH. HE WAS HOME FOR AWHILE.  
15 HE WAS TO GET OUT OF THE SERVICE IN A COUPLE WEEKS, HAD A JOB  
16 LINED UP. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NANCY, PARENTS, MICHAEL  
17 AND LINDA, STEPFATHER SCOTT, STEPMOTHER AUDREY, BROTHERS,  
18 JASON, RYAN AND SISTER, JAMIE. GRANDPARENTS, ROBERT AND ANNA.  
19 AND HE'S GOING TO BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. VERY TRAGIC  
20 INCIDENT. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THOSE  
23 ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR KNABE, IT WAS MS. BURKE WHO WAS UP  
24 FIRST SO I APOLOGIZE.

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** OH, SORRY ABOUT THAT.

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3    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE AT LEAST GOT...

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5    **SUP. BURKE:** GO ON WITH HIS ITEM IF YOU WISH.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T YOU DO YOUR SPECIALS?

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9    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN  
10 IN MEMORY OF BRITNEY BEAL, WHO WAS 18 YEARS OLD LAST MONTH.  
11 SHE WAS GRADUATED FROM WESTCHESTER HIGH IN JUNE AND WAS ON HER  
12 WAY TO COLLEGE IN THE FALL. SHE WAS SHOT AND KILLED ON THE  
13 EVENING OF JULY 22ND IN THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD WHILE OUT WITH A  
14 FRIEND. SHE WAS INDUCTED TO THE INGLEWOOD CHAPTER OF TOP TEENS  
15 IN AMERICA IN SPRING OF 2002. AS A MEMBER OF TOP TEENS OF  
16 AMERICA, SHE SERVED HER CHAPTER AS A DELEGATE AT THE AREA 6  
17 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TOP  
18 TEENS OF AMERICA CHOIR AND SHARED HER GIFT OF SONG AT THEIR  
19 PROGRAM HELD IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA. SHE LIVED UP TO THE  
20 NATIONAL TOP TEEN MOTTO, PARTICIPATION IS OUR FOUNDATION AS  
21 LEADERS OF TOMORROW. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER, MRS.  
22 CHERYL VEALE, AND HER AND BROTHER, MR. SERGEANT VEALE. AND  
23 EVELYN JAMES MARBURY WATKINS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 26TH.  
24 SHE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR 34  
25 YEARS. SHE WAS A MOTHER, WIFE AND GRANDMOTHER. SHE'S SURVIVED



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1 BY HER HUSBAND, LEON WATKINS AND CHILDREN, PREVIN, DAWN, JEAN  
2 AND TITUS WATKINS. I'LL CALL UP ITEM 16.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEM 16.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 16. ALL RIGHT. SO  
9 SHOULD WE BEGIN WITH A REPORT ON THIS ITEM? DO WE NEED A  
10 REPORT? THIS IS ON THE MEASURE B INCREASE. WHY ARE THEY NOT  
11 HERE? I SAW THEM EARLIER. OH, CAROL.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU WANT TO COME BACK TO THAT?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. NO, THEY'RE HERE. IT'S JUST THAT--  
16 YES, PLEASE. I THINK WE DO NEED A REPORT, DON'T WE? IF YOU'D  
17 JUST BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE, CAROL, OF THE ITEM THAT'S BEFORE US.  
18 WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WISH TO TESTIFY.

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** THE PURPOSE OF THE REPORT THAT WAS PROVIDED TO  
21 THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO TWO WEEKS AGO WAS TO DELINEATE OUT A  
22 PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE OF THE INCREASE IN THE TRAUMA PROPERTY  
23 ASSESSMENT RATE. THERE'S TWO COMPONENTS: THERE'S 14.7 MILLION  
24 DOLLARS, WHICH WOULD BE THE ACTUAL INCREASE DUE TO THE C.P.I.  
25 THE SECOND PORTION IS THE 20.8 MILLION DOLLARS THAT IS



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1 PROJECTED TO BE IN THE RESERVE. THE PROPOSAL OF THE HEALTH  
2 DEPARTMENT IS TO UTILIZE THE C.P.I. INCREASE TOWARDS PRIMARILY  
3 ALL OF THE MEDICAL COMPONENTS OF WHAT MEASURE B IS CURRENTLY  
4 BEING SPENT TOWARDS. THAT WOULD BE THE COUNTY HOSPITAL,  
5 EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TRAUMA SERVICES AND THE PRIVATE TRAUMA  
6 CENTER SERVICES FOR ALL OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE  
7 OTHER COMPONENT IS THE \$20 MILLION IN RESERVE AND WE HAVE  
8 SEVERAL PROPOSALS THERE. NUMBER ONE WOULD BE TO ALLOCATE  
9 FUNDING TOWARDS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THE SAN GABRIEL  
10 VALLEY, SET ASIDE SOME DOLLARS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BECAUSE THE  
11 MULTIPLE MEETINGS THAT WE'VE HAD WITH THOSE HOSPITALS, THEY'VE  
12 INDICATED THERE ARE MANY CHALLENGES AND ONE IS TO BUILD THE  
13 INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE HOSPITAL IN ORDER TO BECOME A TRAUMA  
14 CENTER. THE SECONDS ONE IS THAT...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? COULD YOU JUST SPELL  
17 THAT OUT FOR THE UNINITIATED?

18

19 **CAROL MEYER:** YES. WELL, IT DEPENDS UPON WHICH HOSPITAL YOU'RE  
20 TALKING ABOUT. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,  
21 ONE OF THE HOSPITALS NEEDS TO BUILD A HELIPAD AND, WITHOUT THE  
22 FUNDING FOR A HELIPAD, IT'S ONE COMPONENT OF WHAT THEY SAY  
23 THEY CANNOT BECOME A TRAUMA CENTER BECAUSE OF. THERE ARE  
24 CERTAIN AREAS-- CERTAIN HOSPITALS THAT NEED TO EXPAND AND



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1 BUILD A TRAUMA BAY FOR THEIR EMERGENCY ROOM TO RECEIVE THE  
2 TRAUMA PATIENTS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK ON THAT POINT, I DIDN'T--  
5 WHAT IS THE HOSPITAL THAT SAYS THAT IT NEEDS A HELIPAD?

6

7 **CAROL MEYER:** POMONA VALLEY HOSPITAL SPECIFICALLY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES POMONA VALLEY TELL-- DID THE POMONA  
10 VALLEY HOSPITAL TELL YOU THAT, IF THEY HAD A HELIPAD, THAT  
11 THEY WOULD OPEN AS A TRAUMA CENTER?

12

13 **CAROL MEYER:** NO. THAT'S ONE COMPONENT OF WHAT THEY NEED.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE THE OTHER COMPONENTS?

16

17 **CAROL MEYER:** A MAJOR COMPONENT IS THEIR INABILITY TO GET THE  
18 QUANTITY OF NURSES THAT THEY NEED IN ORDER TO UPGRADE TO BE A  
19 TRAUMA CENTER BECAUSE OF THE WHOLE NURSING SHORTAGE AND THE  
20 OTHER ONE IS THE INABILITY TO GET THE PHYSICIANS TO BE ON THE  
21 TRAUMA CALL PANELS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ARE YOU PROPOSING? ARE YOU PROPOSING THAT  
24 WE BUILD THEM A HELIPAD BEFORE WE KNOW WHETHER THEY'RE GOING  
25 TO BE A TRAUMA CENTER?



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1

2 **CAROL MEYER:** NO, NO, NO. WE'RE SAYING THAT, IF THEY COMMIT, IF  
3 ALL THE OTHER PIECES ARE TOGETHER, IF \$3 MILLION COULD HELP  
4 THEM PUT THAT LAST PIECE TOGETHER, THAT THAT PIECE WOULD BE  
5 SET ASIDE FOR THEM TO GET ALL THE OTHER PIECES IN PLACE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER MONEY THAT WE ARE  
8 ALREADY PROVIDING FOR THE PRIVATE TRAUMA CENTERS?

9

10 **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT. BECAUSE THE OTHER MONEY...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'D BE \$3 MILLION PLUS WHATEVER THEY  
13 WOULD GET?

14

15 **CAROL MEYER:** YES. THE OTHER MONEY IS PURELY FOR REIMBURSING  
16 THEM FOR INDIGENT CARE. OKAY? THE 12 LEAD E.K.G. PROPOSAL IS  
17 BASED ON A PROGRAM THAT WE'VE INITIATED WITH THE L.A. COUNTY  
18 AND L.A. CITY FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THERE'S A LARGE GRANT THAT HAS  
19 BOUGHT THOSE FIRE DEPARTMENTS SPECIAL EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD  
20 IDENTIFY PATIENTS WHO ARE HAVING A HEART ATTACK. THIS  
21 EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN PUT INTO PLACE AND THERE ARE ADDITIONAL 26  
22 FIRE DEPARTMENTS WHO WOULD NOW NEED, IN ORDER TO PUT THIS  
23 PROGRAM COUNTYWIDE, TO GO OUT AND PURCHASE THOSE MACHINES. THE  
24 GRANT FUNDING WAS ONLY AVAILABLE TO THE TWO DEPARTMENTS. THIS  
25 IS A PROGRAM THAT TRULY CAN SAVE LIVES AND IT WOULD REQUIRE AN



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1 UPGRADE AND SIMPLY A PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND THE TRAINING OF  
2 THE PARAMEDICS IN THIS PARTICULAR PROCEDURE. ABOUT 32,000  
3 PATIENTS WITH CHEST PAIN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WOULD HAVE THIS  
4 MACHINE APPLIED TO THEM AND ABOUT 2,100 PATIENTS COULD BE  
5 IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A CURRENT HEART ATTACK, BE TAKEN TO A  
6 HOSPITAL THAT CAN TREAT THEM. THE PHYSICIANS CAN BE NOTIFIED  
7 IN ADVANCE AND WE'VE ALREADY SEEN ONE LIFE CLEARLY SAVED  
8 BECAUSE OF THE ABILITY OF THIS MACHINE TO BE IN THE HANDS OF  
9 THE PARAMEDICS. THE NEXT PROPOSAL IS FOR THE DOWNEY REGIONAL  
10 MEDICAL CENTER. THIS IS A VERY NOMINAL AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH  
11 WE ARE HOPING WILL HELP DOWNEY COMMUNITY GET OVER A HUMP TO BE  
12 ABLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR EMERGENCY ROOM. THIS EMERGENCY ROOM  
13 SEES ABOUT 50,000 PATIENTS ANNUALLY. OF THE NINE HOSPITALS  
14 THAT HAVE CLOSED THEIR EMERGENCY ROOMS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
15 IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THIS CLOSURE WOULD EQUATE TO THREE  
16 HOSPITALS. THIS IS GOING TO BE THE BIGGEST HIT YET. SO OUR  
17 PROPOSAL IS SIMPLY TO REIMBURSE THEM FOR PATIENTS THAT ARE  
18 CONTAIN FROM THE SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA THAT,  
19 HISTORICALLY, HAVE GONE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL BUT,  
20 BECAUSE OF DIVERSION AND THE ISSUES THAT WE FACE IN THAT AREA,  
21 ARE DRIVING BY MARTIN LUTHER KING AND SAINT FRANCIS AND BEING  
22 TAKEN TO DOWNEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. THE LAST PIECE IS  
23 SOMETHING THAT WE'VE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD IN THE PAST AND  
24 THAT IS THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A DEFICIT IN OUR PRIVATE  
25 PHYSICIAN FUNDING FOR INDIGENT CARE REIMBURSEMENT. WE HAVE A





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1 PROGRAM THAT PAYS ABOUT \$27 MILLION TO PRIVATE HOSPITAL  
2 PHYSICIANS FOR EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA SERVICES. WE ARE \$4  
3 MILLION IN DEFICIT IN '04/'05. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THOSE  
4 CLAIMS UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER. THE PROPOSAL HERE IS TO FUND  
5 THAT PIECE ONE TIME ONLY IF SB-57 PASSES. SB-57 IS A PROPOSAL  
6 CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE THAT WOULD INCREASE  
7 THE E.M.S. MADDIE FUND AND WOULD MAKE OUR PHYSICIAN PROGRAM  
8 WHOLE FOR THE FUTURE BUT IT WILL NOT FIX THE PAST, THE CURRENT  
9 CLAIMS THAT WE ARE RECEIVING THAT ARE NOT GOING TO BE PAID AND  
10 THAT WILL, WE FEAR, VERY GREATLY AFFECT OUR CALL PANELS IN OUR  
11 EMERGENCY ROOMS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CAROL, COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE  
14 RECORD? WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT AT THE BEGINNING.

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** OH, I'M SORRY. YEAH, THANK YOU. CAROL MEYER,  
17 DIRECTOR OF E.M.S. FOR L.A. COUNTY.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS WHEN SHE CONCLUDES.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DID YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING,  
24 MR. WELLS?

25



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1   **MR. GARY WELLS:** NO, I'M JUST HERE TO ANSWER FINANCIAL  
2   QUESTIONS IF THEY MAY ARISE.

3

4   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS  
5   AND THEN WE HAVE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE THAT WISH TO TESTIFY.

6

7   **SUP. BURKE:** ARE YOU FACTORING IN THE \$10 MILLION IN STATEWIDE  
8   FUNDING FOR TRAUMA CENTERS THAT WE'LL GET APPROXIMATELY A  
9   THIRD?

10

11   **CAROL MEYER:** WE'RE NOT VERY CLEAR YET. THAT PIECE OF  
12   LEGISLATION WAS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR AS PART OF THE  
13   GOVERNOR'S BUDGET BUT SUPPOSEDLY THOSE FUNDS ARE TO BE  
14   DISTRIBUTED THROUGH A GRANT PROCESS THAT THE HOSPITALS APPLY  
15   FOR AND IT'S VERY LIMITED IN WHAT YOU CAN USE THOSE FUNDS FOR.  
16   SO, UNTIL WE GET BETTER DIRECTION, WE'RE NOT CLEAR HOW THAT'S  
17   GOING TO PLAY INTO THIS PICTURE.

18

19   **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS A REASONABLE RESERVE THAT  
20   YOU SHOULD KEEP? YOU DID HAVE A 20 MILLION BUT NOW YOU'RE  
21   SUGGESTING THAT WE DON'T NEED THAT, IS THAT CORRECT? THAT  
22   YOU'RE GOING TO GO DOWN TO THE THREE MILLION? OR WHAT DO YOU  
23   THINK IS-- WHAT AMOUNT ARE YOU RESERVING?

24



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1   **GARY WELLS:** WELL, CURRENTLY WE'RE NOT RESERVING ANYTHING IN  
2   THE PRESENTED SCHEDULE THAT'S ATTACHED TO THE BOARD MEMO.  
3   OBVIOUSLY, THERE COULD BE RESERVE CREATED IF NONE-- NOT ALL OF  
4   THE THINGS THAT ARE DESIGNATED TO BE DRAWING THESE FUNDS DRAW  
5   THEM. COULD RESERVE, I WOULD SUPPOSE, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 3 TO  
6   5% BUT I BELIEVE OUR...

7

8   **SUP. BURKE:** 3 TO 5% OF YOUR TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET?

9

10   **GARY WELLS:** I WOULD THINK SO.

11

12   **SUP. BURKE:** THAT WOULD BE HOW MUCH?

13

14   **GARY WELLS:** WELL, THE ANNUAL COLLECTIONS ARE UP TO ABOUT  
15   ALMOST \$200 MILLION, SO I WOULD SAY BETWEEN 5 AND \$6 MILLION.

16

17   **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT, YOU KNOW, I WORKED HARD  
18   ON "B" BECAUSE I FELT IT WAS SOMETHING WAS NECESSARY AND WE  
19   REALLY MADE SOME REPRESENTATIONS TO HOMEOWNERS AND THEY  
20   STEPPED FORWARD AND TOOK A POSITION. THOSE SAME HOMEOWNERS  
21   WITH INCREASE VALUES ON PROPERTIES TODAY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO  
22   BE PAYING MORE TAX AND THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT  
23   THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE PAYING. SO ACTUALLY THE AMOUNT THAT  
24   YOU WOULD RECEIVE, UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, I THINK WE  
25   SAW THE REPORT FROM THE ASSESSOR AND VALUES IN LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY HAVE GONE UP DISPROPORTIONATELY TO WHAT WE ORDINARILY  
2 EXPECT EACH YEAR. SO I JUST DON'T, AT THIS POINT, FEEL THAT  
3 I'M PREPARED TO PROVIDE OR ASK THE TAXPAYERS TO PAY FOR MORE  
4 MONEY. YOU KNOW, MAYBE WHEN WE ARE IN A DIFFERENT KIND OF  
5 SITUATION AND WHERE PROPERTY TAXES ARE FALLING RATHER THAN  
6 GOING UP SO THAT THERE'S NOT THE BUILT-IN EXTREME INCREASE  
7 THAT WE'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE THIS YEAR. WE'RE BENEFITING  
8 FROM THAT INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX AS A RESULT OF INCREASED  
9 VALUES IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. SO I'M NOT PREPARED TO ASK THEM  
10 TO PAY MORE MONEY. YOU KNOW, I'M VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE  
11 PROBLEM OF HOSPITALS THAT HAVE TAKEN ON THE BURDEN OF M.L.K.  
12 TRAUMA CENTER BUT SO FAR WHAT I'VE LOOKED AT, AT THE HOSPITAL  
13 IN DOWNEY, THAT THEY SEEM TO ACTUALLY HAVE LESS EMERGENCY  
14 VISITS THIS YEAR THAN THEY HAD THE YEAR BEFORE. SO I KNOW THAT  
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S PROBABLY IN A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION BUT  
16 I HAVE TO TELL YOU, IN MY DISTRICT, THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE  
17 DANIEL FRIEDMAN IN CENTINELA WHO HAVE A TREMENDOUS DEFICIT  
18 THAT MAY ALSO HAVE TO BE FACED TO CLOSING AND THEY'VE TAKEN ON  
19 MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT SOME OTHERS HAVE TAKEN  
20 ON. SO I REALLY, AT THIS POINT, AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO HELP  
21 EVERYONE, I JUST CAN'T DO IT AT THIS POINT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THE RECOMMENDATION FOR DOWNEY AT THIS POINT  
24 IS NO MORE THAN THE DIVERSIONS FROM M.L.K., NOT ANYTHING DUE



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1 TO HELP THEIR OVERALL PROBLEM, BECAUSE THAT'S EVEN MORE  
2 SIGNIFICANT DOLLARS.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, SEE, THAT WAS MY QUESTION. APPARENTLY, SINCE  
5 M.L.K. IN 2005, THE NUMBER OF THEIR EMERGENCY VISITS ARE  
6 ACTUALLY LESS THAN THEY WERE BEFORE, SO-- BECAUSE-- FROM YOUR  
7 CHARTS. NOW, MAYBE YOUR CHARTS, IN 2001, THEY WERE 57; 2004,  
8 SHOWS A DECREASE. SO, YOU KNOW, I JUST-- YOU KNOW, MAYBE  
9 THERE'S SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT IN YOUR CHARTS ARE  
10 DIFFERENT BUT, EVEN IF THEY WERE, WE HAVE SOME REAL-- EVERY  
11 HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES THAT'S FACED WITH A POSSIBLE CLOSURE  
12 AND I'VE FACED CLOSURES.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CAROL, COULD WE JUST GET A CLEAR  
15 UNDERSTANDING? WHAT IS BEFORE US IS ACTUALLY THE INCREASE FOR  
16 MEASURE B. THE SPENDING PLAN IS NOT. IS THAT CORRECT?

17

18 **CAROL MEYER:** THE MOTION THAT'S BEFORE YOU IS THE ORIGINAL  
19 MOTION FROM THE BOARD LETTER TWO WEEKS AGO, WHICH IS THE  
20 INCREASE. THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND THE JUSTIFICATION, AS SOME  
23 OF THE MEMBERS HAD REQUESTED, WAS WE HAVE A 20-MILLION-DOLLAR  
24 RESERVE, SO WHY ARE WE INCREASING IT AT THIS POINT IN TIME?  
25 THIS ALLOCATION TOTALS HOW MUCH? EVEN IF YOU WERE-- EVEN IF IT



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1 WERE APPROVED, THIS ALLOCATION DOES NOT UTILIZE THE ENTIRE  
2 RESERVE.

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** NO.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT DOES NOT. BUT, AT THIS POINT, WE'RE NOT  
7 APPROVING THIS ALLOCATION?

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NOW, WHEN YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH WHATEVER  
12 THIS PROPOSED ALLOCATION, INCLUDING THE HELIPAD AND SO ON,  
13 THAT COMES BACK TO US FOR A FULL APPROVAL?

14

15 **CAROL MEYER:** WE COULD COME BACK WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALLY OR AS  
16 A GROUP.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, BUT I'M JUST TRYING TO TALK ABOUT THE  
19 PROCESS. RIGHT NOW, WE'RE NOT APPROVING IT SO IT WOULD COME  
20 BACK?

21

22 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THIS ISN'T ANY PRESUMED APPROVAL OF THESE  
25 ITEMS, IS THAT CORRECT?





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1

2 **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT. THE MOTION IS ACTUALLY JUST FOR THE  
3 INCREASE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND SO WHEN YOU WENT BACK AND  
6 PUT THIS LIST TOGETHER, IT IS THE INTENT OF EVENTUALLY  
7 PRESENTING THEM IN A MUCH MORE-- BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE TO ASK  
8 THE JUSTIFICATION AS WELL FOR DOWNEY REGIONAL AND HOW THAT  
9 HAPPENED. BUT I JUST WANT US TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE NOT  
10 DOING THAT AT THIS TIME. IS THAT CORRECT?

11

12 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BECAUSE I JUST THINK THAT...

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** ALTHOUGH WE'D LIKE TO HAVE AN IDEA WHAT OUR--  
17 WHAT YOU THINK OF OUR PLAN. I MEAN, IF YOU THINK THAT IT'S NOT  
18 WORTH IT, THEN...

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE  
21 ARE \$20 MILLION IN RESERVE THAT COULD HOLD US OVER, FOR THE  
22 MOST PART. THE ISSUE BEFORE US IS SHOULD WE NOW INCREASE TAXES  
23 ON OUR PROPERTY OWNERS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY?

24

25 **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT.



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**SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE NEED TO  
CREATE A BETTER JUSTIFICATION WHEN WE HAVE A RESERVE. NOW, IN  
THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION PLAN, WHICH DOESN'T UTILIZE THE ENTIRE  
RESERVE, AND I UNDERSTAND A PRUDENT RESERVE, I'M NOT SAYING  
YOU SHOULD DRAW IT ALL DOWN BECAUSE THERE IS A NEED FOR  
EMERGENCIES AND SO ON. BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, EVEN WITH THIS  
PLAN, YOU STILL HAVE A SIZABLE RESERVE. NOW THE NEXT  
OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THIS, SHOULD WE WANT TO INCREASE IT,  
WOULD BE WHEN?

11

**CAROL MEYER:** NEXT YEAR. IT COULD BE DONE EACH YEAR.

13

**SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EACH YEAR AROUND THE SAME TIME.

15

**CAROL MEYER:** EXACT SAME TIME.

17

**SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND THEN HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO  
BASICALLY COLLECT FUNDS? IT ALMOST TAKES WHAT? ALMOST A YEAR?

20

**GARY WELLS:** YEAH, IT'S THROUGH THE PROPERTY TAX CYCLE, SO IT  
RUNS ON THE NORMAL COLLECTION CYCLE THAT THE AUDITOR USES. SO  
IT WOULD BE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

24

**CAROL MEYER:** ONE OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS...

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2     **SUP. BURKE:** I'M SORRY. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

3

4     **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YEAH, BUT I THINK IT'S THE TIME THEY PAY  
5     THE PROPERTY TAX.

6

7     **GARY WELLS:** EXACTLY.

8

9     **SUP. BURKE:** YOU WOULD GET IT AT THE TIME...

10

11    **GARY WELLS:** DECEMBER AND APRIL.

12

13    **SUP. BURKE:** AT DECEMBER AND APRIL.

14

15    **GARY WELLS:** MOST PEOPLE PAY THEM.

16

17    **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY.

18

19    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

20

21    **CAROL MEYER:** ONE OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS, SUPERVISORS, TO  
22    UNDERSTAND IS THAT WE HAVE JUST EXTENDED OUR PRIVATE TRAUMA  
23    HOSPITAL CONTRACT WHILE WE ARE NEGOTIATING. IT'S IMPORTANT TO  
24    UNDERSTAND THAT, IN NEGOTIATING AN INCREASE FOR THEM, WHICH,  
25    YOU KNOW, HEALTHCARE COSTS HAVE INCREASED WITHOUT DOUBT, THAT



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1 THAT'S WHAT C.P.I. IS ALL ABOUT, IF WE DON'T HAVE ONGOING  
2 DOLLARS TO DO THAT, ONE-TIME FUNDS WILL ONLY ALLOW US TO  
3 NEGOTIATE A VERY SHORT-TERM CONTRACT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT, I THINK, IS-- SEE, THAT GIVES ME  
6 MORE JUSTIFICATION OR REASON OR RATIONALE. I'M REALLY  
7 CONCERNED THAT IT'S BEING PRESENTED IN A WAY THAT, IF I'M  
8 APPROVING-- I NEED TO HAVE BETTER RATIONALE AS TO WHY I WOULD  
9 INCREASE IT AT THIS TIME AND WHY NOT HOLD OFF UNTIL THE  
10 FOLLOWING YEAR AND I'M NOT GETTING IT. NOW, I KNOW WE HAVE AN  
11 ALLOCATION PLAN AND I THINK MANY OF THE QUESTIONS AND EVEN  
12 MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO TESTIFY IS, "YEAH, I  
13 SUPPORT THIS ALLOCATION," AS COMPARED TO HAVING A CLEAR OR  
14 BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHETHER THIS FUND SHOULD BE  
15 REPLENISHED AT THIS TIME OR NOT. AND THAT'S-- I'M CONCERNED  
16 ABOUT THE DYNAMICS OF THIS DISCUSSION AND I'M NOT GETTING THAT  
17 WHEN I SEE THE ALLOCATION.

18

19 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, ALL OF THE DOLLARS ARE ALLOCATED. ALL OF  
20 THE ONGOING DOLLARS, THE DOLLARS THAT WOULD REGENERATE EVERY  
21 YEAR ARE ALLOCATED OUT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHICH I UNDERSTAND AND, WITH THAT, YOU  
24 HAVE A 20-MILLION-DOLLAR RESERVE.

25



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT, WHICH CAN ONLY BE SPENT ONE TIME. IT  
2 DOESN'T REGENERATE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT...

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE PROPOSES TO SPEND IT ALL DOWN.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, NO. WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.  
9 THERE'S A PROPOSAL NOW...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HER SPENDING PLAN PROPOSES TO TAKE IT DOWN  
12 TO ZERO. THAT'S THE WAY I READ THIS ONE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, IT DOES NOT BECAUSE THIS ENTIRE AMOUNT  
15 DOESN'T DO THAT.

16

17 **CAROL MEYER:** 3.7.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I'M LOOKING AT THIS, MADAM CHAIR, IF  
20 YOU LOOK AT THE BOARD REPORT ON THE SHEET CALLED THE L.A...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S 15 MILLION ON EXPENDITURES...

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. JUST LOOK AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT.

25



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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU'RE SPENDING IT ALL OUT NOW? I ONLY  
2   HAVE THE ALLOCATION OF ABOUT 15 MIL.

3

4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ENDING FUND BALANCE, ZERO.

5

6   **GARY WELLS:** YEAH. I MEAN, I THINK-- THIS LIST WAS MEANT TO  
7   RESPOND TO THE BOARD'S REQUEST FOR WHAT WOULD WE SPEND THE  
8   MONEY FOR IF WE RAISED THIS PARTICULAR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT.  
9   AND THAT WAS THE INTENT PRETTY MUCH TO SPEND ALL THE MONEY.  
10   THERE'S ABOUT 3.7 MILLION THAT IS IN I BELIEVE IT'S THE COUNTY  
11   HOSPITAL IN REIMBURSED CATEGORY THAT'S OVER AND ABOVE THEIR  
12   PRO RATA INCREASE. THAT WAS SORT OF OUR PLACE TO PUT RESERVES  
13   FOR THE MOMENT. BUT, AGAIN, THE INTENT IS TO SHOW THE BOARD  
14   THAT, AT LEAST ON A PRELIMINARY BASIS, THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF  
15   NEEDS THAT COULD BE MET WITH THE USE OF THESE FUNDS AND THE  
16   USE OF AN INCREASE IN THESE FUNDS, AS IS BEING REQUESTED.

17

18   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, YOU KNOW, I KNOW WE HAVE NEEDS. WE ALWAYS  
19   HAVE TREMENDOUS NEEDS. THE QUESTION IS WHAT DO YOU DO?

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT THE ISSUE IS, AGAIN, WHAT I'M TRYING  
22   TO UNDERSTAND. IT LOOKS AS-- WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO SPEND DOWN  
23   THE FUND, NECESSARILY? I MEAN, IT'S ALWAYS WORTHWHILE TO HAVE  
24   A GOOD RESERVE. IS IT JUST SO THAT WE CAN INCREASE THE TAX?  
25   THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME.





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2 **CAROL MEYER:** NO.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM I'M HAVING WITH  
5 THIS. IF I UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY WHAT WAS GOING ON, IF ALL OF A  
6 SUDDEN WE HAD TO COME UP WITH-- AND LET'S MEET EVERYBODY'S  
7 WISH LIST OUT THERE, I COULD EVEN DEAL WITH THE FACT OF THE  
8 ONE-TIME ALLOCATION FOR THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT PATIENTS BUT  
9 I'M STILL NOT UNDERSTANDING THAT ISSUE COMPLETELY. SO IT'S  
10 TROUBLESOME FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHERE YOU'RE GOING.  
11 I'M NOT WILLING TO APPROVE THIS ALLOCATION PLAN AT THIS POINT  
12 IN TIME AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE FIGURES THAT SUPERVISOR  
13 YAROSLAVSKY HAS. I ONLY HAVE THE 15 MILLION, WHICH IS THE ONES  
14 YOU JUST ENUMERATED IN YOUR DISCUSSION NOW. SO I'M A LITTLE  
15 BIT CONCERNED AS TO HOW THIS IS MOVING FORWARD. AND THIS IS  
16 FROM A PROPONENT WHO SUPPORTED THIS TAX, SO THE REALITY IS I  
17 DON'T WANT TO TAX TAXPAYERS WHEN, IN FACT, WE DON'T ABSOLUTELY  
18 NEED THE MONEY. IT'S SORT OF UNJUST TO THEM AND UNFAIR FOR US  
19 TO IMPOSE SUCH A THING. SO IT'S NOT CLEAR. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I'M SORRY.

24



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S ALL RIGHT. I SHARE THE RELUCTANCE TO  
2    RAISE THE TAX AND I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE TO RAISE THE TAX THIS  
3    YEAR. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE-- WE WENT TO THE  
4    PEOPLE TWO YEARS AGO, WE ASKED THEM TO DO SOMETHING  
5    EXTRAORDINARY. WE SAID WE WOULD KEEP FAITH WITH THEM. THEY  
6    SAID THEY WOULD KEEP FAITH WITH US AND THAT'S WHERE IT STOOD  
7    AND I THINK THAT IF WE-- FOR US TO RETAIN OUR CREDIBILITY WITH  
8    THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY NOW, EVEN THOUGH THESE ARE TWO  
9    DIFFERENT TAXES, THE FACT THAT THIS IS A GOOD YEAR, GENERALLY,  
10   FOR GOVERNMENT AND IT IS A GOOD YEAR, GENERALLY, FOR AD  
11   VALOREM PROPERTY TAX, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT AN AD VALOREM TAX,  
12   IN THE WHOLE SCHEME OF THINGS, I JUST DON'T-- I CAN'T EXPLAIN  
13   TO MY NEIGHBOR OR, FRANKLY, TO MY WIFE, WHY WE'RE RAISING A  
14   TAX WHEN WE HAVE A \$20-MILLION-DOLLAR SURPLUS IN THIS ACCOUNT  
15   BECAUSE WE MAY NEED IT NEXT YEAR OR BECAUSE WE WANT TO  
16   NEGOTIATE A LONGER TERM CONTRACT WITH THE HOSPITALS, WHICH  
17   WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR ANYWAY. AND,  
18   AT ANY TIME, DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, IF IT REQUIRES  
19   ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM, WE CAN ADDRESS THAT  
20   NOT AT THE LAST MINUTE ON AUGUST THE 2ND BUT WE CAN ADDRESS IT  
21   IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY FOR IT TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE NEXT  
22   CYCLE. BUT I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO DO THAT NOW AND I'M NOT  
23   GOING TO SUPPORT IT. SECONDLY, THE QUESTION OF WHAT, IF  
24   ANYTHING, TO DO AND MAYBE MS. MOLINA ACTUALLY ENLIGHTEN ME ON  
25   THIS. I GUESS THE ONLY THING BEFORE US IS THE TAX AND MAYBE WE



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1    OUGHT TO JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT AND NOT DEAL WITH ANY OF THE  
2    OTHER ITEMS. I AM INTERESTED IN ONE THING THAT WAS ON YOUR  
3    LIST THAT I THINK HAS MORE OF A TIME ISSUE BECAUSE IT COULD  
4    SAVE LIVES-- WELL, ALL OF THIS COULD SAVE LIVES BUT THE-- WE  
5    HAVE MANAGED, THROUGH THE GRANT FROM THE ANNENBERG FOUNDATION,  
6    TO COVER THE ENTIRE L.A. CITY AND COUNT FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH  
7    THE NEW DEFIBRILLATOR EQUIPMENT AND THE E.K.G. STUFF, ALL THE  
8    SPACE AGE STUFF THAT DRAMATICALLY INCREASES THE PROBABILITY  
9    THAT SOMEBODY WITH A HEART ATTACK COULD BE SAVED. I THINK  
10   THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. BUT ALL OF THE OTHER FIRE  
11   DEPARTMENTS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THAT ARE NOT EITHER CITY OR  
12   COUNTY FIRE, ALL THE SMALLER CITIES DID NOT GET THIS GRANT.

13

14   **CAROL MEYER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT I UNDERSTOOD WAS THAT YOU WANTED TO  
17   MAKE THE REST OF THE COUNTY WHOLE SO THAT WE'D HAVE A SEAMLESS  
18   SYSTEM AT THIS STATE-OF-THE-ART LEVEL OF EQUIPMENT IN OUR  
19   PARAMEDIC AMBULANCES. AND I'D BE-- IF WE DON'T DO IT TODAY, I  
20   HOPE WE COULD DO IT RELATIVELY SOON. I'D BE INTERESTED IN  
21   DOING THAT. THIS DOES NOT AFFECT-- I'M NOT SURE IT AFFECTS ANY  
22   CITY IN MY DISTRICT. I THINK THEY'RE ALL COVERED BY EITHER  
23   CITY OR COUNTY FIRE EXCEPT FOR BEVERLY HILLS.

24

25   **CAROL MEYER:** IT WOULD AFFECT BEVERLY HILLS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. BUT IT DOES AFFECT THE 40 OR SO  
3 CITIES, 39 OF WHICH ARE NOT IN MY DISTRICT, SO I WOULD HOPE  
4 THAT WE WOULD ALL COME TOGETHER ON THAT SOONER RATHER THAN  
5 LATER. I'D EVEN BE WILLING TO DO IT TODAY. ON THE TRAUMA  
6 CENTER IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, ANTELOPE VALLEY TRAUMA  
7 CENTER, I THINK THAT THAT'S WHAT THIS RESERVE WAS ALL ABOUT IN  
8 THE FIRST-- IN PART, WHAT THE RESERVE WAS ALL ABOUT IN THE  
9 FIRST PLACE. THAT, IF YOU HAD A HOSPITAL THAT WAS WILLING TO  
10 COME INTO THE SYSTEM, THAT'S WHAT THE FUNDS WERE BEING HELD IN  
11 RESERVE IN PART TO DO, TO BE ABLE TO MATCH, WHETHER IT'S  
12 POMONA VALLEY OR ANY OTHER HOSPITAL IN THE-- SAN GABRIEL,  
13 POMONA OR ANTELOPE VALLEYS, TO BE ABLE TO PONY UP WHAT WE'VE  
14 DONE FOR THE OTHER HOSPITALS THAT ARE IN OUR TRAUMA NETWORK,  
15 THE 10 OR NINE PRIVATE HOSPITALS THAT ARE IN OUR 13-MEMBER-- I  
16 GUESS IT'S 10 NOW, RIGHT WITH CALIFORNIA. SO I THINK THAT,  
17 WHETHER YOU IDENTIFY IT NOW OR WHETHER YOU DON'T IDENTIFY IT  
18 NOW, WE SHOULD HOLD THAT RESERVE THERE SO, THAT IF SOMEBODY  
19 COMES FORWARD IN THESE THREE VALLEYS THAT ARE TRAUMA  
20 CHALLENGED, IF YOU WILL, THAT WE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO  
21 MOVE QUICKLY ON IT. AND WHETHER YOU IDENTIFY THEM AND I HAVE  
22 NO PROBLEM IF YOU WANT TO IDENTIFY THEM AND SET THEM ASIDE OR  
23 JUST LEAVE IT IN THE RESERVE THE WAY IT IS AND IDENTIFY THEM.  
24 BUT-- SO, MADAM CHAIR, I REALLY WOULD BE GUIDED BY WHATEVER  
25 YOU SUGGEST IN TERMS OF WHETHER WE ACT ON ANY OF THIS TODAY OR



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1 WHETHER TO JUST-- OR JUST-- I'LL MAKE A MOTION, FOR STARTERS,  
2 TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT OF THE EMS DEPARTMENT, OF CAROL  
3 MEYERS' REPORT. AND IF YOU'RE OPEN TO ANY OTHER THING, ON THE  
4 E.K.G.S AND STUFF, I'D BE OPEN TO DOING THAT, TOO, BUT, FOR  
5 NOW, I'LL JUST SAY LET'S MOVE TO RECEIVE AND FILE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED  
8 THAT WE RECEIVE AND FILE. MR. KNABE? DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL WAIT UNTIL THE TESTIMONY.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, ALL RIGHT. WE DO HAVE VERY--  
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH. CAROL, IF THE BOARD DECIDED TO PROVIDE  
16 THE MONEY TO DOWNEY MEDICAL CENTER, WOULD THEY GUARANTEE THAT  
17 THEY WOULD KEEP THE TRAUMA CENTERS OPEN FOR THE NEXT YEAR?

18

19 **CAROL MEYER:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT DOWNEY IS COMMITTED TO  
20 KEEP ITS EMERGENCY ROOM OPEN IF WE CAN HELP THEM THROUGH THIS  
21 IMMEDIATE ISSUE THAT THEY'RE HAVING.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR, DO THEY GIVE A  
24 COMMITMENT?

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1 **CAROL MEYER:** THEY'RE GOING TO TESTIFY TODAY. I WOULD SUGGEST  
2 YOU ASK THEM THAT QUESTION.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND WOULD THE MEASURE B FUNDS GUARANTEE  
5 THAT THE DOWNEY MEDICAL CENTER WOULD RECEIVE A HIGHER RATE IN  
6 MEDI-CAL REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE STATE?

7

8 **CAROL MEYER:** IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT. IT WOULD ALLOW THEM  
9 TO GO TO THE STATE AND SAY, "THE COUNTY HAS HELPED US ON THIS  
10 LEVEL. WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR US?"

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD THERE BE FUNDS PROPOSED FOR  
13 ALLOCATION TO DEDICATE FULL-TIME STAFFING FOR AIR TRANSPORT,  
14 THE AIR TRANSPORT TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FOR TRAUMA  
15 TRANSPORT IN ORDER...

16

17 **CAROL MEYER:** IN FACT, I HAVE TALKED TO CHIEF FREEMAN ABOUT  
18 THAT AND HE IS WILLING TO LOOK VERY SERIOUSLY AT PUTTING A  
19 HELICOPTER PERMANENTLY IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY 24 HOURS  
20 A DAY, WHICH WOULD BE AN UPGRADE BY 12 HOURS AND THERE ARE  
21 DOLLARS HERE THAT WE CAN USE OUT OF THE EAST SAN GABRIEL AREA  
22 THAT ALLOCATION THAT COULD GO TOWARDS THAT AND I THINK WE CAN  
23 BE MOVING ON THAT AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE CAN DO THAT IF THE ITEM WAS RECEIVED  
2    AND FILED OR WOULD WE HAVE TO TAKE SEPARATE ACTION AN THAT  
3    TODAY?

4

5    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE COULD STILL-- IT WOULD BE A SEPARATE  
6    PROPOSAL SHE WOULD BRING TO US. WE WOULD HAVE THE MONEY SET  
7    ASIDE BECAUSE THERE'S A RESERVE, ONE-TIME RESERVE PLUS ONGOING  
8    FUNDS WHICH ARE BASICALLY ALL COMMITTED.

9

10   **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT.

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO RECEIVING AND FILE FOR TODAY'S ACTION  
13   WOULD NOT PREVENT US FROM ACCESSING THOSE RESOURCES FOR THAT  
14   EAST SAN GABRIEL...?

15

16   **CAROL MEYER:** NO, IT WOULDN'T PREVENT THAT.

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE:** IT WOULDN'T INHIBIT ANY PART OF THE SPENDING PLAN.

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE SPENDING PLAN. THAT'S CORRECT.

23

24   **CAROL MEYER:** NO.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, THAT WOULD JUST COME BACK AS A SEPARATE  
2   ITEM?

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4   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT. IT DOESN'T-- BECAUSE, RIGHT  
5   NOW, WE ARE DOING IS WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO INCREASE OUR  
6   PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION THAT WOULD GO TO THIS. ALL RIGHT.

7

8   **SUP. KNABE:** BUT-- MADAM CHAIR, JUST ONE QUESTION TO CLARIFY  
9   WHAT SUPERVISOR BURKE HAD MENTIONED ABOUT DOWNEY AS WELL, TOO,  
10   AND MAYBE YOU CAN CLARIFY THAT, ABOUT THE ACTUAL E.R. NUMBERS  
11   DOWN, THE AMBULANCE RUNS, THE DIVERSION RUNS ARE UP FROM  
12   M.L.K. THEY WERE ABLE TO ISOLATE THAT?

13

14   **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

15

16   **SUP. KNABE:** NOT-- THEY WERE ABLE TO ISOLATE THAT PORTION THAT  
17   WAS THE INCREASE TO AMBULANCE RUNS, NOT NECESSARILY OVERALL  
18   E.R. OKAY.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. CAROL AND GARY, IT MIGHT BE  
21   GOOD FOR YOU TO SIT OVER HERE. WE HAVE ABOUT 12 PEOPLE THAT  
22   WISH TO ADDRESS US. IF I COULD ASK MAYOR ANNE BUYON FROM THE  
23   CITY OF DOWNEY TO PLEASE JOIN...

24

25   **SUP. KNABE:** BAYOR.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUYON? BAYOR? OH, I APOLOGIZE. DR.  
3 GREENSPAN, JASON GREENSPAN, DR. JACK KENNIS, I HOPE? I THINK  
4 WE HAVE FOUR SEATS, DOCTOR. ALLEN KORNEFF. PLEASE JOIN US.  
5 MAYOR? THANK YOU.

6

7 **MAYOR ANNE BAYOR:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK  
8 YOU ALL FOR-- THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR LISTENING TO US  
9 TODAY. MY NAME IS AN ANNE BAYOR AND I AM ALSO THE MAYOR OF THE  
10 CITY OF DOWNEY. I AM HERE TO SPEAK TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE  
11 CITY. WE SUPPORT THE PROPOSED FUNDING FOR THE DOWNEY REGIONAL  
12 MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE LOSSES THEY'VE SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF  
13 PATIENTS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL  
14 SERVICE AREAS. LAST YEAR, OVER 50,000 PATIENTS WERE TREATED AT  
15 DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. MANY OF THOSE PATIENTS LIVE IN  
16 DOWNEY. HOWEVER, THE HOSPITAL SERVES AN AREA OF THE COUNTY  
17 MUCH LARGER THAN THE CITY LIMITS OF DOWNEY. IN RECENT YEARS,  
18 FINANCIAL PROBLEMS HAVE BURDENED THE HOSPITAL AND BROUGHT  
19 ABOUT CONCERNS FOR THE ECONOMICAL VIABILITY OF THE FACILITY.  
20 THE FUNDING PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU WILL HELP OFFSET OUR-- US TO  
21 HAVE NON-REIMBURSED COSTS UNDER THE UNINSURED PATIENTS BEING  
22 TREATED AT DOWNEY UNIFIED-- DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.  
23 LAST YEAR, DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVED OVER 7,000  
24 EMERGENCY TRANSPORTS. DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IS THE  
25 PRIMARY E.M.S. RECEIVING FACILITY FOR THE DOWNEY AREA. IF THE



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1 E.R. CLOSES, THOSE PATIENTS WILL BE DIVERTED SOMEWHERE ELSE IN  
2 THE AREA. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE FEWER AND FEWER RECEIVING  
3 FACILITIES FOR PATIENTS BEING TREATED BY PARAMEDICS. DOWNEY  
4 REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYEES OVER 1,200 EMPLOYEES AND IS  
5 ONE OF OUR TOP FIVE EMPLOYERS IN THE CITY. THE BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS' ACTIONS THIS MORNING WILL ASSIST DOWNEY REGIONAL  
7 MEDICAL CENTER IN THEIR EFFORTS IN BEING FINANCIALLY SOLVENT  
8 AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, CONTINUING TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY OF  
9 DOWNEY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **DR. JACK KENNIS:** YES. GOOD MORNING, MADAM SUPERVISOR, MADAM  
12 CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DR. JACK KENNIS. I AM A  
13 PRACTICING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PHYSICIAN AND THE ASSOCIATE  
14 DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY CARE CENTER AT DOWNEY REGIONAL  
15 MEDICAL CENTER. D.R.M.C. IS A UNIQUE FACILITY AND IS LOCATED  
16 WITHIN THE FIFTH DISTRICT-- FOURTH DISTRICT. HOWEVER, IT  
17 SERVES THE COMMUNITIES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS AS  
18 WELL. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE T.P.A. RATE INCREASE AND  
19 ITS EXPENDITURE PLAN. MORE SPECIFICALLY, I URGE YOUR SUPPORT  
20 TO THE MADDIE E.M.S. INDIGENT SERVICES FUNDS. THE EMS FUND IS  
21 A CRITICAL FUND FOR BOTH HOSPITAL AND PHYSICIANS. IT'S A  
22 RESOURCE TO BOTH THE EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS AND ON-CALL  
23 SPECIALISTS. JUST LIKE TRAUMA CENTERS, COMMUNITY HOSPITALS ARE  
24 EQUALLY STRUGGLING TO RECRUIT AND MAINTAIN ON-CALL  
25 SPECIALISTS. THERE IS A VAST SHORTAGE OF ORTHOPEDISTS,



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1 VASCULAR SURGEONS AND NEUROSURGEONS WHO ARE WILLING TO COVER  
2 ER PANELS. THE MADDIE E.M.S. FUNDS HELPS TO ENSURE THE  
3 INTEGRITY OF THESE PANELS. SINCE MAY 3RD, WHEN THE DEPARTMENT  
4 OF HEALTH SERVICES REPORTED A \$5.2 MILLION DEFICIT, IN THE  
5 PHYSICIAN ALLOTMENT PROGRAM, MULTIPLE PHYSICIANS HAVE  
6 THREATENED TO WITHDRAW FROM OUR ON-CALL PANEL. THE E.M.S. FUND  
7 INDIRECTLY SUPPORTS COMMUNITY HOSPITALS BY OFFSETTING SOME OF  
8 THE-- BY OFFSETTING AND, IN SOME CASES, ELIMINATING THE NEED  
9 FOR HOSPITAL-PAID STIPENDS. I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF  
10 THE EXPERIENCES AT OUR FACILITY, DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL  
11 CENTER. SINCE 2002, WITH THE CLOSURE OF COUNTY OUTPATIENT  
12 CLINICS, THE INCREASE IN DIVERSIONS OF COUNTY FACILITIES AND  
13 THE FAILED TWO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN OUR AREAS, WE HAVE  
14 BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED IN LOS ANGELES. MOST  
15 RECENTLY, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND R.F.K. MEDICAL CENTERS HAVE  
16 CLOSED AND, AS SUCH, OUR VOLUMES HAVE INCREASED FROM  
17 APPROXIMATELY 78 A DAY, NOW PEAKING LAST YEAR UP TO 160 AND  
18 NOW APPROXIMATELY 140 A DAY. OUR WAIT TIMES HAVE GONE FROM 15  
19 MINUTES NOW TO OVER FOUR HOURS. WE'VE INCURRED THE COST OF  
20 ADDITIONAL STAFF AS WELL AS WE HAVE NOW PAYING STIPENDS TO  
21 PHYSICIAN SPECIALISTS. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE 105  
22 FREEWAYS, WE ARE NOW ROUTINELY SEEING PATIENTS COMING FROM  
23 WEST LOS ANGELES, WEST OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. WE'RE ROUTINELY  
24 NOW SEEING PATIENTS NOW COMING FROM CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. WE  
25 ARE PART OF THE HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET IN OUR AREA BUT NOW



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1 WE'VE BECOME PART OF THE SAFETY NET OF LOS ANGELES. DESPITE  
2 COLLECTIVE MEDI-CAL AND UNINSURED RATES OF NEARLY 40%, WE DO  
3 NOT MEET THE STRICT DEFINITION OF A D.S.H. HOSPITAL AND, AS  
4 SUCH, WE DO NOT QUALIFY FOR STATE SUPPORT. NOR DO WE QUALITY  
5 FOR PREFERRED MEDI-CAL RATES. WE ARE NOT A D.S.H. HOSPITAL;  
6 HOWEVER, WE ARE PART OF THE SAFETY NETS. WE ARE PLAYING A  
7 SIMILAR ROLE BUT WITHOUT THE TITLE AND WITHOUT THE FUNDING.  
8 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS ARE IN TROUBLE. I'M SURE THERE ARE MANY  
9 OTHER ONES OTHER THAN DOWNEY. I THINK WE HAVE A PARTICULAR--  
10 WE'VE BEEN IMPACTED DISPROPORTIONATELY. THE BURDEN OF THE  
11 UNINSURED NO LONGER GOES TO A FEW COUNTY HOSPITALS. EACH  
12 HOSPITAL WITHIN AND WITH OUTSIDE D.S.H. NETWORK IS IN CRISIS.  
13 THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT HEARD OUR PLEAS. I  
14 ASK YOU HERE TODAY IN HELPING US RESUSCITATE THE SYSTEM FOR  
15 THE HEALTHCARE OFF ALL CITIZENS. PLEASE SENT A MESSAGE TO THE  
16 STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES THAT YOU HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN  
17 THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE. I'D LIKE  
18 TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF OUR VOLUMES THAT YOU HAVE RAISED THE  
19 POINT, THAT OUR VOLUMES HAVE REDUCED OVER THE LAST YEAR. THAT  
20 IS TRUE BUT I'M SURE THAT YOU CAN JUDGE ANY EMERGENCY  
21 DEPARTMENT OR OURS ON VOLUME ALONE. WE ARE SEEING MORE E.M.T.  
22 RUNS, MORE PARAMEDIC RUNS AND, AS SUCH, OUR ACUITY IS MUCH  
23 GREATER. OUR AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY USED TO BE TWO HOURS. WE  
24 ARE NOW UP TO FOUR HOURS AND LONGER. WE ARE WORKING HARDER  
25 THAN EVER.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DOCTOR, COULD I ASK YOU A QUESTION. IS  
3 DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT?

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5 **DR. JACK KENNIS:** IT IS.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN ASK US TO  
8 SUBSIDIZE A PRIVATE NONPROFIT. I MEAN, YOU DON'T EVEN QUALIFY  
9 UNDER A D.S.H. HOSPITAL AND WE'RE NOT EVEN GOING THROUGH THE  
10 FINANCES AT THIS FACILITY AT THIS POINT IN TIME. WE ALL  
11 UNDERSTAND THE NEED AND I THINK, IF WE WANTED TO SEND A  
12 MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE, IT'S NOT DONE BY TRYING TO TAKE A  
13 FUND WHICH VOTERS VOTED ON FOR, IT'S TRUE, A SAFETY NET BUT  
14 THIS WOULD BE A WHOLE DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION. THERE WOULD BE  
15 EVER SINGLE HOSPITAL WOULD LINE UP IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THEY  
16 HAVE THE SAME SITUATION AS YOU ALL DO. IN FACT, SOME OF US  
17 HAVE SEEN CLOSURES IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES BECAUSE OF THE  
18 EMERGENCY ROOM OVERLOAD AND, OF COURSE, THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT  
19 BEING A BIG PART OF THAT OVERLOAD. I REALLY DO THINK THAT WE  
20 MAY NEED TO BUILD A COALITION TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING  
21 GOING ON WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE AS WHAT WE NEED TO DO. IT  
22 JUST SEEMS TO ME THAT TAXPAYERS TRUSTED US THAT WE WOULD  
23 UTILIZE THIS UNDER A CERTAIN SET OF CONSTRAINTS AND THAT  
24 CONSTRAINTS BEING THAT THEY WOULD BE FOR TRAUMA AND FOR THAT  
25 SAFETY NET. I MEAN, WE COULD LINE UP TOMORROW, I HAVE 12



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1 HOSPITALS I COULD CALL IMMEDIATELY AND THEY COULD PAINT,  
2 FINANCIALLY, A MUCH MORE SCATHING SITUATION THAN PROBABLY  
3 DOWNEY REGIONAL. THAT'S WHY IT'S HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND THE  
4 RATIONALE THAT WAS UTILIZED.

5

6 **DR. JACK KENNIS:** DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, ALTHOUGH WE  
7 ARE NOT A TRAUMA CENTER, WE SEE TRAUMA PATIENTS ROUTINELY.  
8 JUST LAST WEEK...

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT EVERY HOSPITAL DOES. WHITE MEMORIAL.  
11 WELL, IT IS A TRAUMA-- THERE ARE MANY THAT ARE NOT TRAUMA THAT  
12 DO.

13

14 **DR. JACK KENNIS:** UNFORTUNATELY, THE FORMS OF REIMBURSEMENT AT  
15 THE HOSPITALS, IF YOU ARE WITHIN A D.S.H. PROGRAM, IT IS A  
16 BLOCK FUNDING. FOR THOSE HOSPITALS WHO DO NOT QUALIFY AS DHS  
17 HOSPITALS...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY ARE YOU NOT QUALIFIED AS A D.S.H.  
20 HOSPITAL?

21

22 **DR. JACK KENNIS:** I BELIEVE THAT THAT IS BASED ON INPATIENT  
23 MEDI-CAL CENSUS BUT IT DOES NOT ADDRESS, NECESSARILY, THE  
24 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT'S LEVEL OF SERVICE OR THE PATIENTS THAT  
25 PRESENT TO OUR EMERGENCY CARE CENTER.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** CAROL, COULD YOU AT LEAST EXPLAIN WHAT MAKES  
3 DOWNEY UNIQUE IN THIS REPRESENTATION HERE?

4

5 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, I THINK THE SITUATION WITH DOWNEY IS THAT  
6 THE PATIENTS FROM THE SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA THAT,  
7 FIVE YEARS AGO, WERE BEING TREATED AT M.L.K., R.F.K., SOME OF  
8 THE OTHER HOSPITALS, ARE HAVING TO BE TRANSPORTED, BY  
9 AMBULANCE, WHEN THEY CALL 9-1-1, PAST M.L.K., PAST ST. FRANCIS  
10 BECAUSE IT HAS TAKEN ON MORE TRAUMA PATIENTS, ITS E.R. VOLUME  
11 HAS BEEN VERY, VERY BUSY AND THEY'RE TAKEN TO DOWNEY. NOW, THE  
12 REASON WHY DOWNEY IS UNUSUALLY AFFECTED, AND I GAVE THIS MAP  
13 TO YOUR HEALTH DEPUTIES, IS BECAUSE THE HOSPITALS ON THE  
14 NORTH, WEST, AND SOUTH OF M.L.K., CALIFORNIA, WHITE MEMORIAL,  
15 GARDENA MEMORIAL, THOSE HOSPITALS HAVE A AMBULANCE SERVICE  
16 AREA DRAWN AROUND THAT HOSPITAL, SO THAT AMBULANCES FROM  
17 AROUND THE M.L.K. AREA CANNOT DRIVE TO THOSE HOSPITALS. WE'VE  
18 CREATED THAT SERVICE AREA. THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENS ON THE  
19 EASTERN SIDE. ON THE EASTERN SIDE, THERE IS NO SERVICE AREA  
20 AND SO THEY JUST DRIVE RIGHT PAST AND THE FIRST ONE THAT THEY  
21 STOP OFF AT IS DOWNEY. SO THAT'S WHERE I SEE A DIFFERENCE WITH  
22 DOWNEY THAN ANY OTHER HOSPITAL. DO I THINK THAT THAT SHOULD  
23 HAPPEN FOREVER? NO. WE'RE PROPOSING A ONE-TIME, YOU KNOW, DEAL  
24 TO DO THIS. AND, YOU KNOW, THE OTHER THING IS THAT M.L.K.'S  
25 DIVERSION HAS ACTUALLY GONE DOWN AND, IN FACT, I THINK THAT'S



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1 A LITTLE BIT OF THE-- REFLECTIVE OF THE DECREASE IN THE VOLUME  
2 AT DOWNEY. BUT THAT DOESN'T ELIMINATE THOSE PATIENTS  
3 CONTINUING TO GO OVER TO DOWNEY.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DOCTOR?

6

7 **DR. ALLEN KORNEFF:** MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME  
8 IS ALLEN KORNEFF. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF DOWNEY REGIONAL  
9 MEDICAL CENTER AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO HEAR US TODAY.  
10 JUST A BROAD BRUSH. DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER HAS BEEN IN  
11 THE AREA SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1920. I'VE BEEN WITH THE  
12 HOSPITAL FOR ABOUT OVER 30 YEARS. IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, WE  
13 HAVE INCURRED LOSSES BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMICS OF THE AREA IN  
14 THE AMOUNT OF AROUND \$60 MILLION. THIS HAS NOT ALL BEEN DUE TO  
15 THE EMERGENCY AND THE TRAUMA CASES BUT A LARGE PORTION OF IT  
16 HAS BEEN. THE HOSPITAL HAS BEEN ABLE-- WAS ABLE TO ACCUMULATE  
17 ABOUT \$60 MILLION OF GENERAL FUND SURPLUS OVER THE 30 YEARS I  
18 WAS THERE AND WE CONSUMED ALL OF IT NOW AND WE ARE BASICALLY  
19 IN A NO CASH POSITION. SO WE ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO SUPPORT  
20 THE INDIGENT, TAKE CARE OF THE UNINSURED AS LONG AS WE HAD THE  
21 FUNDS TO DO SO. AT THIS POINT, WE'RE JUST FLAT OUT OF MONEY  
22 AND WE'RE FACED WITH A BIG QUESTION OF HOW CAN WE SERVE OUR  
23 COMMUNITY, YOUR CONSTITUENTS IN DOWNEY, WITHOUT MONEY TO DO  
24 SO, WITHOUT GOING BANKRUPT? AND SO...

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND WHEN YOU SPOKE TO YOUR STATE  
2    LEGISLATURE, WHAT DID THEY SAY?

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4    **DR. ALLEN KORNEFF:** WELL, THEY SAID, "WHAT IS YOUR COUNTY  
5    DOING?" THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT WHAT THE COUNTY DOES-- I MEAN, WHAT IS  
8    IT SUPPOSED TO DO? IT'S MAINTAINING ITS HOSPITALS, IT PASSED  
9    THIS INITIATIVE IN MAINTAINING THE TRAUMA SYSTEM. SO, I MEAN,  
10   THE REALITY IS WE'VE BEEN DOING A WHOLE LOT TO HOLD UP THE  
11   SAFETY NET. IT'S THE LEGISLATURE THAT NEEDS TO COME INTO  
12   ACTION BECAUSE ALL OF THE OUR HOSPITALS ARE SUFFERING THE SAME  
13   SITUATION.

14

15   **DR. ALLEN KORNEFF:** I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THAT. I'M JUST  
16   SAYING, YOU KNOW, HERE WE ARE AND-- WITH THIS PROBLEM AND,  
17   UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN THE COUNTY CLOSED DOWN THEIR CLINICS  
18   BECAUSE OF THE M.L.K. SITUATION, THOSE PATIENTS ARE NOW BEING  
19   DIVERTED TO US. THAT'S A NEW PATIENT BASE OF AMBULANCE RUNS WE  
20   DIDN'T HAVE BEFORE AND THE MONEY WE'RE ASKING FOR IS NOT TO  
21   SUPPORT OUR SERVICE AREA, IT'S JUST FOR THOSE ADDITIONAL RUNS  
22   WE'RE GETTING FROM CENTRAL CITY THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD IN  
23   THE PAST AND IT'S NOT GOING TO COVER OUR EXPENSES. IT'S JUST  
24   GOING TO HELP THAT LITTLE BIT AND IT'S ALSO GOING TO HELP US  
25   TO USE SOME LEVERAGE ON THE STATE TO GET A LITTLE MORE FUNDS



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1 OUT OF THE STATE. IN ADDITION, AS HAS BEEN SAID BY OTHERS,  
2 WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF FOUR FREEWAYS AND IT MAKES IT VERY  
3 QUICK AND EXPEDIENT FOR PARAMEDIC RUNS TO RUN TO DOWNEY  
4 REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, DOWNEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BECAUSE  
5 WE'RE CONVENIENT, YOU CAN GET FROM CENTRAL CITY TO OUR  
6 HOSPITAL IN EIGHT MINUTES AND THAT'S A LOT FASTER,  
7 PARTICULARLY AT NIGHT, THAN TAKING SERVICE STREETS. DURING  
8 1990S, WE WERE LOSING 2 TO \$3 MILLION A YEAR, YOU KNOW,  
9 SUPPORTING INDIGENT PATIENTS AT THE HOSPITAL. WE ARE GLAD TO  
10 DO THAT. LATER ON, WHEN THE COUNTY CLOSED ITS CLINICS, WE  
11 PICKED UP ANOTHER 3 TO \$5 MILLION OF UNINSURED PATIENTS AND WE  
12 WERE HAPPY TO PICK UP A LOT OF THOSE PATIENTS AT THAT TIME. I  
13 MIGHT SAY THERE'S ANOTHER FACTOR HERE. WHEN THOSE CLINICS  
14 CLOSED DOWN, THOSE PATIENTS NO LONGER RECEIVE THE NEEDED  
15 MEDICAL TREATMENT THEY'D NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THEM AND, BY THE  
16 TIME THEY HIT DOWNEY, THEY WERE IN DIRE NEED OF HEAVY  
17 HOSPITALIZATION. MANY OF THOSE PATIENTS COST US \$300,000, AND  
18 WE HAVE RECORDS OF THIS, BY THE TIME THEY GOT INTO THE  
19 HOSPITAL AND THEY GOT THEM DISCHARGED BECAUSE THEY WERE OUT OF  
20 CONTROL DIABETICS AND OTHER THINGS. AND SO WE...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, DOCTOR, PLEASE?

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24 **DR. ALLEN KORNEFF:** SURE. SUMMARIZING, PARAMEDICS, CHIEF  
25 SOLDIER, AND THE DIFFERENT FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE DONE THE BEST





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1 THEY COULD TO BRING THOSE PATIENTS THAT WERE APPROPRIATE TO  
2 DOWNEY, COORDINATING, TRYING TO SPREAD THE PATIENTS OUT TO  
3 OTHER HOSPITALS. THE BOTTOM LINE IS RIGHT NOW WE ARE INCURRING  
4 ABOUT SIX TO \$10 MILLION OF LOSSES. THE CITY OF...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DOCTOR. NEXT WE HAVE  
7 DR. MAX LEBOW, WILLIAM BAMATTRE AND DR \_\_\_\_\_. SIR,  
8 ARE YOU DR. GREENSPAN?

9

10 **DR. JASON GREENSPAN:** YES, MA'AM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY  
11 NAME IS DR. JASON GREENSPAN. I'M AN ATTENDING EMERGENCY  
12 PHYSICIAN AT TARZANA HOSPITAL AND MISSION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL  
13 IN MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT. I'M ALSO THE ASSOCIATE MEDICAL  
14 DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AT MISSION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.  
15 I'M HERE FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE GREATER SAFETY NET  
16 THAT MS. MOLINA HAD TALKED ABOUT BEFORE. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS  
17 MOST OF MY COMMENTS TO MR. YAROSLAVSKY. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT  
18 THERE'S ALWAYS A NEED FOR A GOOD RESERVE, AS MS. MOLINA SAID.  
19 I'M NOT ONLY WORK IN YOUR DISTRICT IN BOTH HOSPITALS, I'M ALSO  
20 A HOMEOWNER IN YOUR DISTRICT AND SO IT'S MY TAX DOLLARS IN  
21 MEASURE B THAT WE CAN EXPLAIN TO OUR NEIGHBORS AND I AM YOUR  
22 NEIGHBOR. AND SO I GUESS I WOULD SAY THIS. PART OF MY JOB AS  
23 AN EMERGENCY ROOM DOCTOR IS NOT ONLY TO SEE AND EVALUATE AND  
24 TREAT THE PATIENTS AND FAMILIES WHO COME IN WITH THEIR  
25 EMERGENCIES BUT TO EXPLAIN THOSE EMERGENCIES TO THEM. MY



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1 EXPLANATION WOULD BE THIS, AND I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE  
2 E.K.G. SERVICES AND THE OTHER SPACE-AGE TECHNOLOGIES THAT YOU  
3 WERE TALKING ABOUT TO PROVIDE TO E.M.S. YOU CAN EXPLAIN TO ME  
4 AS YOUR NEIGHBOR THAT ALL THE E.K.G. TECHNOLOGY IN THE WORLD  
5 MEANS NOTHING WITHOUT AN EMERGENCY DOCTOR TO TAKE CARE OF  
6 THEM, A BED SPACE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM AND A CARDIOLOGIST ON  
7 PANEL WHO'S WILLING TO ACCEPT THEM IF THEY HAVE NO OTHER  
8 DOCTOR THAT'S AVAILABLE FOR THEM. AND WHAT I'M HOPING THAT THE  
9 REST OF THE SUPERVISORS UNDERSTAND AND YOU SPECIFICALLY  
10 BECAUSE I CAN ONLY SPEAK FROM YOUR DISTRICT IS THAT THAT'S  
11 WHAT I'M HERE TO ASK FOR. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THERE'S A  
12 NUMBER OF HOSPITALS IN DOWNEY'S SITUATION. THERE'S NO DOUBT  
13 THAT THERE'S A TRAUMA CRISIS. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THERE'S A  
14 GREATER EMERGENCY MEDICAL CRISIS IN THE COUNTY. I'M HERE TO  
15 ASK YOU TO HELP PROVIDE THAT SAFETY NET, TO UNDERSTAND THAT,  
16 WHILE THERE'S ALWAYS GOOD NEED TO HAVE A RESERVE, YOUR RAINY  
17 DAY IS HERE. AT MISSION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, I WORK THERE NOW.  
18 PREVIOUSLY, I HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE STAFF AT GRENADA HILLS.  
19 GRANADA HILLS HAS NOW CLOSED ITS DOORS. NORTHRIDGE HOSPITAL ON  
20 SHERMAN WAY CAMPUS, APPROXIMATELY A MILE-1/2 SOUTH OF WHERE  
21 MISSION COMMUNITY IS, HAS CLOSED ITS DOORS. MISSION COMMUNITY  
22 IS HOLDING ON BY A THREAD. I CAN'T GET A CARDIOLOGIST TO SIT  
23 ON MY CALL PANEL BECAUSE I HAVE NO WAY TO REIMBURSE THEM. IF  
24 YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE YOUR RAINY DAY FUNDS ARE GOING, THIS IS  
25 WHERE WE NEED THEM. YES, I NEED THEM FOR THE PARAMEDICS. YES,



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1 I NEED THEM TO BE ABLE TO TELL WHICH PATIENTS THAT THEY GO ON  
2 WITH CHEST PAIN HAVE A HEART ATTACK SO THAT I CAN GET THEM THE  
3 CARE THAT THAT THEY NEED. BUT I CAN'T GO INTO THE CATH LAB  
4 WITH THEM. I CAN'T GO INTO THE OPERATING ROOM WITH THEM. I  
5 NEED THESE EXTRA FUNDS TO HELP ME HELP THEM AND GET THE OTHER  
6 DOCTORS AND SERVICES THAT THEY NEED TO HELP TAKE WHAT THEY'RE  
7 GOING TO START IN THE FIELD AND FINISH THROUGH THE REST OF  
8 YOUR JOB. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR? DR. GREENSPAN, IS IT YOUR VIEW  
11 THAT EVERY HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, EVERY PRIVATE  
12 HOSPITAL THAT IS HAVING DIFFICULTY FINANCIALLY, GETTING THE  
13 APPROPRIATE DOCTORS, THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
14 THE MEASURE B FUND SPECIFICALLY ARE YOUR LAST RESORT TO TRY TO  
15 STAY AFLOAT?

16

17 **DR. JASON GREENSPAN:** IT'S A GOOD START, AND IT'S NO DOUBT THAT  
18 IT'S MY-- IT'S OUR LAST CHANCE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU BELIEVE THAT, UNDER ANY ITERATION, I  
21 DON'T KNOW HOW FAMILIAR YOU ARE WITH PROP B TAX AND THE  
22 IMITATIONS ON IT, BUT DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ENOUGH  
23 MONEY IN MEASURE B TO BOTH KEEP THE COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM, THE  
24 COUNTY GOVERNMENT'S HEALTH SYSTEM OF FIVE HOSPITALS AND 100  
25 CLINICS OPERATING AND TO BACKFILL ALL OF THE LOST REVENUE



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1 YOU'RE GETTING FROM THE FEDERAL-- THAT YOU'RE EXPERIENCING  
2 FROM THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT? BECAUSE, ESSENTIALLY,  
3 WHAT'S HAPPENED IS, AS WAS SAID EARLIER BY ONE OF YOUR  
4 PRECEDING SPEAKERS, IS THAT YOU'VE LOST MONEY FROM THE STATE  
5 OF CALIFORNIA, SO YOU'VE COME TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
6 SAID, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE THE "RICH UNCLE," FILL IN THE GAP. AND  
7 THAT'S JUST NOT SUSTAINABLE OR TENABLE. IT'S NOT TENABLE FOR  
8 ONE HOSPITAL, LET ALONE 30 OR 40.

9

10 **DR. JASON GREENSPAN:** FAIR ENOUGH. I'VE NEVER HAD A RICH UNCLE,  
11 SO I CAN'T ATTEST TO THAT BUT...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEITHER HAVE I.

14

15 **DR. JASON GREENSPAN:** BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT'S A GOOD  
16 START. YOU'RE OUR LAST EFFORT AND NO DOUBT, AS YOU'VE  
17 UNDERSTOOD, THAT PART OF THIS IS LINKED TO OUR EFFORTS IN THE  
18 STATE BECAUSE NO DOUBT THAT WE WOULD LIKE THE STATE'S HELP TO  
19 CONTINUE DOING WHAT THEY'RE DOING AND TO HELP US EVEN FURTHER.  
20 BUT UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HOLD YOUR RESERVE FOR A RAINY DAY, AS  
21 YOU WELL KNOW, AND ALL I'M HERE TO SAY IS THAT YOUR RAINY DAY  
22 IS HERE. AND SO, TO SAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO DEFER IT TO NEXT  
23 YEAR AND DEFER IT TO NEXT YEAR AND HOPE THE STATE CHIMES IN,  
24 AND HOPE THE STATE CHIMES IN, ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT IN MY  
25 MIND, FROM WORKING IN THREE OF THE DEPARTMENTS, TWO OF WHICH--



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1 OR ONE OF WHICH IS NOW CLOSED AND ONE OF WHICH MAY, IS THAT,  
2 IN MY VIEW, ON A DAILY BASIS, IS THAT I NEED THAT HELP NOW.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. THE RAINY DAY HAS BEEN HERE EVERY DAY  
5 SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE, SINCE DECEMBER 5TH, 1994. IT'S BEEN  
6 POURING. AND WE FIXED THAT. OR PARTIALLY FIXED THAT. THREE OF  
7 US PLACED MEASURE B ON THE BALLOT AND THANK GOD THE PEOPLE OF  
8 THIS COUNTY HAD CONFIDENCE THAT WE WOULD WISELY SPEND IT TO  
9 KEEP OUR SYSTEM AFLOAT. AND THEY VOTED ALMOST THREE-QUARTERS  
10 OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY, IN EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THIS  
11 COUNTY, VOTED FOR THIS MEASURE. THEY DID NOT VOTE FOR IT, IT  
12 WAS NOT OFFERED UP AS A MEASURE THAT SAID, IF THE STATE PULLS  
13 BACK ITS FUNDING, WE'LL BE THERE FOR YOU. THAT'S NOT WHAT IT  
14 WAS. WE HAD, GOING INTO THIS, A THREE-QUARTERS OF A BILLION  
15 DOLLAR DEFICIT. UNDER THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, WE STILL HAVE  
16 A COUPLE OF A HUNDRED, QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT TWO  
17 YEARS OUT. YOU KNOW, IN TWO YEARS. SO THAT'S JUST THE COUNTY  
18 HEALTH SYSTEM ALONE, NOT THE PRIVATE HEALTH SYSTEM. SO, FOR  
19 THOSE WHO HAVE WRITTEN TO ME, AND I THINK YOU'RE ONE OF THEM,  
20 WHO HAVE WRITTEN TO ME AND SAID, WHEN THE PEOPLE VOTED FOR  
21 THIS, THEY WERE VOTING TO TAKE CARE OF DOWNEY AND CEDARS AND  
22 ST. JOHN'S AND ENCINO TARZANA AND ALL OF THE PRIVATE  
23 HOSPITALS, UH-UH. THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY WERE VOTING FOR. THEY  
24 WERE VOTING TO HELP US CLOSE THE GAP FOR THE COUNTY HEALTH  
25 SYSTEM SO THAT THE COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM DIDN'T SEND THE REST



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1 OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM OF THIS COUNTY INTO MELTDOWN, INCLUDING--  
2 ESPECIALLY THE PRIVATES. BECAUSE, IF WE HAD BEEN FORCED TO DO  
3 THE UNTHINKABLE, AND IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO THAT WE WERE  
4 ALMOST FORCED TO DO THE UNTHINKABLE, THE RIPPLE EFFECT, THE  
5 DOMINO EFFECT ON EVERY HOSPITAL IN THIS COUNTY WOULD HAVE BEEN  
6 PRONOUNCED. SO, IN A WAY, I DON'T BLAME YOU. IF I WERE IN YOUR  
7 SHOES, I'D GO TO EVERY PLACE I COULD WHERE THERE MIGHT BE EVEN  
8 AN INKLING OF MONEY-- BUT A-- A SMALL PORTION OF MONEY. BUT  
9 THE FUNDS THAT WE HAVE HERE, WE ARE RAISING, WHAT IS IT, GARY?  
10 170 MILLION A YEAR WITH THIS TAX? AND THE \$20 MILLION RESERVE  
11 IS BASED ON TWO YEARS WORTH OF RESERVE, IS THAT CORRECT?  
12 ACCUMULATION?

13

14 **GARY WELLS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S CORRECT. SO IT'S REALLY 10 MILLION A  
17 YEAR, WHICH IS MAYBE A LITTLE BIT ABOVE THE 3%, THREE TO 5%  
18 PRUDENT RESERVE THAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT. AND THESE ARE  
19 ONE-TIME FUNDS BECAUSE THE MINUTE YOU HAVE A HOSPITAL IN  
20 PALMDALE OR LANCASTER OR IN POMONA OR IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL  
21 VALLEY THAT SAYS, "HEY, WE'RE IN, WE THINK WE CAN MAKE THIS  
22 WORK, WE WANT IN ON THE SAME BASIS THAT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL IS  
23 IN AND HUNTINGTON AND PASADENA IS IN, ET CETERA," WE'RE GOING  
24 TO HAVE TO MEET THEM. THAT'S WHAT THAT RESERVE IS FOR. IT'S  
25 NOT THERE TO PLUG THE HOLE THAT'S CAUSED BY THE STATE'S





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1 BACKPEDALING ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. AND FOR SOMEBODY WHO  
2 SAID EARLIER THAT WE WOULD SEND THE STATE A MESSAGE IF WE  
3 APPROVED THIS FUNDING FOR THE DOWNEY MEDICAL CENTER, THAT THEY  
4 OUGHT TO STEP UP, THAT'S NOT THE MESSAGE WE'D BE SENDING TO  
5 THE STATE. WHAT WE'D BE SENDING TO THE STATE IS THE COUNTY  
6 WILL BACKFILL ANY RETRENCHMENT THAT THE STATE UNDERTAKES.  
7 THAT'S THE MESSAGE WE WOULD SEND AND, BOY, I'LL TELL YOU,  
8 FIRST OF ALL, WE CAN'T SHOULDER THAT BURDEN. WE DON'T HAVE  
9 ENOUGH MONEY. YOU COULDN'T RAISE ENOUGH MONEY IN ANY TAX IN  
10 THIS COUNTY TO SUBSTITUTE FOR WHAT THE STATE DOES. SO, TO THE  
11 EXTENT THE STATE DECIDES TO CUT HEALTHCARE SPENDING, WHICH IT  
12 HAS DONE REPEATEDLY, WE HAVE TO GO BEGGING FOR \$10 MILLION  
13 STATEWIDE, 3 MILLION OF WHICH WILL COME TO THIS COUNTY FOR ALL  
14 HOSPITALS, IT'S RIDICULOUS, WE BEG FOR THAT. WE CAN'T BE  
15 EXPECTED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE BILLIONS THAT THE STATE PUTS  
16 INTO THE MEDICAL SYSTEM: E.M.S., TRAUMA, HEALTHCARE GENERALLY,  
17 MEDI-CAL, THE WHOLE NINE YARDS. SO THIS IS REALLY A CRUNCH  
18 DECISION BECAUSE, IF WE MAKE THE DECISION, AS A BOARD, THAT WE  
19 ARE GOING TO BE BACKFILLERS OF STATE FUNDING, THEN WE CAN KISS  
20 THE COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM GOOD-BYE. BECAUSE, IF WE DO IT FOR  
21 ONE, I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE, ENCINO TARZANA IS HERE, PROVIDENCE  
22 HOLY CROSS IS OUT THERE, NORTHRIDGE HOSPITAL IS OUT THERE,  
23 VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN IS OUT THERE, I CAN GIVE YOU THE WHOLE  
24 LIST OF EVERY HOSPITAL IN MY DISTRICT ALONE. NONE OF THEM HAVE  
25 CALLED ME UP AND SAY, "YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD A GREAT YEAR, WE'RE



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1 IN THE BLACK." NOT ONE OF THEM. THEY'RE ALL SAYING THE SAME  
2 THINGS AND NOT ONE OF THEM HAS THREATENED TO CLOSE. THOSE THAT  
3 CLOSE JUST CLOSE. THEY DON'T COME AND SHAKE US DOWN.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU'RE NOT SAYING DOWNEY'S TRYING TO SHAKE US  
6 DOWN, ZEV. COME ON. GIVE ME A BREAK. YOU'VE GOT DIVERSION--  
7 YOU'VE GOT A TOTALLY UNIQUE SITUATION THERE AND IT'S  
8 OUTRAGEOUS FOR YOU TO MAKE THAT KIND OF A COMMENT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IT IS UNIQUE BUT NOT FOR THE REASONS  
11 YOU'RE ARTICULATING, DON. I DON'T THINK IT'S ANY MORE UNIQUE  
12 THAN ANY OTHER HOSPITAL THAT'S HAVING FINANCIAL TROUBLE. AND I  
13 DON'T THINK YOU CAN EXPECT THAT THE COUNTY IS JUST GOING TO  
14 TAKE CARE OF DOWNEY AND NOT TAKE CARE OF EVERYBODY ELSE. AND  
15 I'D JUST ASK YOU TO TELL ME HOW WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF  
16 EVERYBODY ELSE. IF YOU THINK WE CAN TAKE CARE OF EVERYBODY  
17 ELSE AND RANCHO LOS AMIGOS AND HARBOR AND OLIVE VIEW AND  
18 COUNTY U.S.C. AND M.L.K., I'M THERE. YOU KNOW THAT CAN'T BE  
19 DONE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THE REASON WE'RE IN A SITUATION IS BECAUSE OF  
22 OUR ISSUES WITH M.L.K. I MEAN, IT'S A DIVERSION ISSUE AND  
23 THAT'S WHEN-- WE'VE TRIED TO ISOLATE THAT.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, WE MAY BE THERE BECAUSE OF SITUATIONS AT  
2    R.F.K., WHICH CLOSED, AND WE MAY BE THERE...

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4    **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S PART OF IT, TOO.

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6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...FOR-- THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF ISSUES AND,  
7    IF WE START TO PICK APART-- THERE ARE A LOT OF HOSPITALS THAT  
8    HAVE BEEN IMPACTED TO SOME EXTENT OR ANOTHER BY THE CLOSURE OF  
9    M.L.K. AND OTHER HOSPITALS-- NOT CLOSURE BUT THE DOWNSIZING  
10    AND THE PROBLEMS AT M.L.K. AND THE CLOSURE OF OTHER HOSPITALS  
11    LIKE R.F.K. AND TORRANCE, AMONG OTHERS. AND THAT'S ONLY GOING  
12    TO CONTINUE. NOW, DO YOU THINK THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
13    HAS ENOUGH MONEY TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYBODY? I DON'T THINK WE  
14    DO. AND IF WE DON'T, WE'D BETTER-- IF WE'RE GOING TO GO DOWN  
15    THIS ROAD, WE BETTER KNOW WHERE WE'RE HEADING, WHAT THE END  
16    GAME IS. THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING. I WISH WE COULD TAKE CARE OF  
17    EVERYBODY. WE CAN'T. THE STATE LEGISLATURE CAN'T AND WON'T.  
18    GOVERNOR CAN'T AND WON'T. WHY SHOULD-- WE HAVE A FRACTION OF  
19    THE RESOURCES AND ASSETS THAT THE STATEMENT GOVERNMENT HAS.  
20    HOW CAN WE DO WHAT THEY WON'T DO? I APPRECIATE THE PROBLEM BUT  
21    I HOPE YOU CAN APPRECIATE OUR PROBLEM, TOO.

22

23    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DOCTOR?

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1   **DR. MAX LEBOW:** THANK YOU. HI. MY NAME IS DR. MAX LEBOW. I'M  
2   THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF CENTINELA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER AND  
3   THE LAX MEDICAL CLINIC IN SUPERVISOR BURKE'S DISTRICT. AND,  
4   FIRST, I DO WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR SUPPORTING OUR  
5   PARAMEDIC PROGRAM THAT IS ALLOWING PARAMEDIC RUNS TO LAX  
6   CLINIC. IT HAS HELPED UNLOAD SOME OF THE PATIENTS OUT OF THE  
7   AREA EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND IT'S BEEN A INNOVATIVE  
8   PUBLIC/PRIVATE PROGRAM THAT'S BENEFITED EVERYONE AND IT HAS  
9   BEEN REVENUE NEUTRAL. SO WE ARE TRYING AND WE'RE LOOKING AT  
10  NEW, OUT OF THE BOX SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM. I DO WANT TO  
11  ADDRESS SOME OF THE DIFFERENTIATION THAT HAS BEEN MADE TODAY  
12  BETWEEN THE GROUP OF TRAUMA HOSPITALS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.  
13  THIS DISTINCTION HAS BEEN BLURRED. THERE IS VERY LITTLE  
14  DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TRAUMA SYSTEM AND THE COUNTY SYSTEM AND  
15  THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS. NEITHER CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT THE OTHER.  
16  WE EACH SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND THE INTERPRETATION THAT FUNDS  
17  FOR MEASURE B CAN ONLY BE USED TO SUPPORT INSTITUTIONS DOESN'T  
18  LOOK AT THE PATIENT POINT OF VIEW. THE SAME PATIENT CAN  
19  PRESENT TO A TRAUMA CENTER OR A COUNTY SYSTEM OR TO A PRIVATE  
20  SYSTEM BUT THEY ALL NEED TO BE COMPENSATED BY OUR SYSTEM. IT'S  
21  RECOGNIZED THAT THIS HAS TO HAPPEN AT THE COUNTY AND THE  
22  TRAUMA CENTER SYSTEM BUT IT SEEMS NOT TO BE RECOGNIZED AT THE  
23  PRIVATE SYSTEM. THE MOST IMPORTANT-- AND WHEN-- I DON'T THINK  
24  ANYBODY IS ASKING THE COUNTY TO BACKFILL ALL THE DIFFICULTIES  
25  THAT OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS ARE HAVING. OF COURSE THAT'S



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1 IMPOSSIBLE. NOBODY'S ASKING FOR THAT. BUT THERE ARE INDIGENT,  
2 ESPECIALLY THE INDIGENT CARE FUND, WHICH HAS RUN OUT OF MONEY,  
3 UNFORTUNATELY, IS A SPECIFIC PROBLEM THAT MELDS INTO THE  
4 MEASURE B, THE INTENT OF MEASURE B. AND, SPECIFICALLY, IT HAS  
5 TO DO WITH THE ON-CALL PHYSICIAN PROBLEMS. LET ME ASK, NOW,  
6 I'M SURE EACH OF YOU, AS SUPERVISORS, GO TAKE YOUR YEARLY  
7 PHYSICAL AS THE SURGEON GENERAL HAS SUGGESTED, AND I'D LIKE TO  
8 CHALLENGE YOU TO ASK EACH OF YOUR PRIVATE PHYSICIANS IF THEY  
9 TAKE CALLS AT THE EMERGENCY ROOM WHERE THEY'RE ON STAFF. AND.  
10 IF THEY DON'T, STATISTICALLY, ONLY ONE OUT OF THE FIVE OF YOUR  
11 PHYSICIANS WILL SAY YES, I WANT YOU TO ASK THEM WHY THEY DON'T  
12 AND YOU'LL HEAR A LOT OF WHAT YOU'VE HEARD HERE TODAY OF WHAT  
13 THE ISSUES ARE. AND ONE LAST THING, WE'VE ALREADY PAID-- THESE  
14 DOCTORS HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED THE SERVICE THAT THEY EXPECT TO  
15 BE PAID FOR, AND I'M SPEAKING PRIMARILY ABOUT THE BACKFILL  
16 ISSUE ON THE INDIGENT CARE FUND, AND WHEN WE STIFF THEM, WHEN  
17 WE DON'T PAY THEM AND THEY LEAVE THE CALL PANEL, AND MANY  
18 PEOPLE HERE HAVE SAID THAT DOCTORS HAVE ALREADY LEFT THE-- ARE  
19 THREATENING TO LEAVE THE CALL PANEL, WE'VE HAD MANY WHO ARE  
20 ALREADY GONE AND, IF WE DON'T PAY THEM, THEY'RE GOING TO LEAVE  
21 AND THEY WON'T COME BACK.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DOCTOR...

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25 **DR. MAX LEBOW:** SO THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ...WE NEED TO BUILD A COALITION WITH EACH

3 OTHER TO GET THE LEGISLATURE TO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE'RE GOING

4 ON THIS ISSUE. I JUST GOT OFF THE PHONE WITH ONE OF THEM AND

5 THE REALITY IS THAT IT IS THE LEGISLATURE. NOW, I UNDERSTAND

6 THERE'S A BILL IN THE WORKS AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET THEM TO

7 BE ATTENTIVE TO THAT. BUT THE REALITY IS, IS THAT THERE'S

8 STILL NOT-- WE HAVE TO GET THEM TO PUT THIS EVEN ON THE AGENDA

9 FOR DISCUSSION. THIS BOARD HAS TRIED, FOR OVER FOUR YEARS, TO

10 JUST GET A SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN THE LEGISLATURE THAT WOULD

11 RESPOND TO THE KEY QUESTIONS OF THE SAFETY NET. THIS BOARD WAS

12 ABLE TO GET THE VOTERS, AND THROUGH AN AWFUL LOT OF WORK, TO

13 SUPPORT THIS FUND. BUT IT WAS NOT MEANT TO BE A BAILOUT IN

14 THAT REGARD. IT JUST DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY NECESSARY. SO WE

15 UNDERSTAND THE PLIGHT. AND THIS ISSUE IS NOT BEING RESOLVED,

16 BY THE WAY, TODAY BECAUSE YOU UNDERSTAND THERE'S STILL GOING

17 TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE US ON A SEPARATE THING.

18 BUT I DO THINK WE HAVE TO BUILD A LARGER COALITION BECAUSE

19 YOU'RE PREACHING TO THE CHOIR. WE HAVE ALL THE SAME ISSUES

20 BECAUSE WE RUN HOSPITALS, WE RUN EMERGENCY ROOMS, WE RUN

21 TRAUMA SYSTEMS. WE HAVE DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE

22 MAJORITY OF INDIGENTS WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT AND SO,

23 CONSEQUENTLY, WE'RE IN A MUCH LARGER SITUATION AND UNDERSTAND

24 ALL THE ISSUES THAT YOU'RE RAISING BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, KNOW

25 THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE SOLVED THROUGH THIS PARTICULAR FUND.





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2 **SUP. BURKE:** MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M VERY  
3 COGNIZANT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCE AT CENTINELA AND DANIEL FREEMAN  
4 AND WE CERTAINLY HAVE DONE EVERYTHING TO TRY TO AMELIORATE  
5 THAT PROBLEM. I'D JUST LIKE TO ASK YOU, WHAT HAS BEEN THE  
6 INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF AMBULANCE CALLS YOU'VE HAD FROM  
7 MARTIN LUTHER KING?

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9 **DR. MAX LEBOW:** WELL, WE'VE HAD A HUGE INCREASE IN OUR  
10 AMBULANCE RUNS. LITTLE CENTINELA HOSPITAL, IF THE STATISTICS  
11 CONTINUE THE WAY THEY ARE, WILL BE THE LARGEST PRIVATE  
12 PARAMEDIC RECEIVING CENTER IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND CERTAINLY  
13 THE COMBINATION OF THIS TWO, WE SEE NEARLY AS MANY PARAMEDIC  
14 RUNS BETWEEN CENTINELA AND FREEMAN, AS THE COUNTY SYSTEM DOES.  
15 WE'RE SEEING OVER-- I THINK WE HEARD DOWNEY WAS SEEING 7,000 A  
16 YEAR. WE'RE UP TO 12, 13,000 A YEAR IN OUR LITTLE E.R. THAT'S  
17 JUST US. AND IT'S INCREASED FOR TWO REASONS. ONE IS THE  
18 UNANTICIPATED CLOSURE OF R.F.K. AND THE SECOND IS THE AMOUNT  
19 OF DIVERSION THAT R.F.K. HAS GONE ON. AND, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T  
20 GO ON DIVERSION. WE TRY TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY-- WE UNDERSTAND  
21 OUR MISSION IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT IT'S DISHEARTENING SOMETIMES  
22 WHEN SOME OF THE COUNTY HOSPITALS WILL CLOSE AND WE TAKE THOSE  
23 AS WELL BUT WE ARE TRYING, OF COURSE. WE'RE TRYING THIS NEW  
24 SYSTEM OF TAKING SOME OF THE MORE MINOR PARAMEDIC RUNS AT



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1 L.A.X. AND YOU AND THE BOARD HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL AND WE DO  
2 APPRECIATE THAT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** I APPRECIATE YOUR ISSUE. AND I JUST WANTED TO LET  
5 EVERYONE KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, ALL OF US HAVE THE ISSUE. ALL OF  
6 US HAVE THE PROBLEM. BUT IT'S JUST, WITH SOME OF US, IT'S,  
7 LIKE, 10 TIMES BIGGER THAN WHAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT. SO  
8 CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, WE STAND TO TRY TO HELP. IT'S JUST THIS  
9 IS NOT THE DAY OR THE TIME.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. NEXT WE HAVE MARK  
12 SAUTON AND MARK GAMBLE. DR. STOCK, YOU'RE NEXT?

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14 **DR. LAWRENCE STOCK:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MR. ANTONOVICH, I  
15 GUESS HE STEPPED OUT.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HE'LL BE RIGHT BACK IN.

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19 **DR. LAWRENCE STOCK:** OKAY. LAST TIME I HAD THE HONOR OF  
20 TESTIFYING HERE WAS JUST BEFORE THE CLOSURE OF HIGH DESSERT  
21 HOSPITAL AND THE CONVERSION OF IT TO AN OUTPATIENT CLINIC AND  
22 THE ASSISTANT MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT  
23 ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL IN LANCASTER. I LIVE IN SANTA MONICA  
24 AND I VOLUNTEER AS A CLINICAL FACULTY MEMBER AT HARBOR UCLA IN  
25 TORRANCE. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE COUNTY SINCE I WAS A



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1 MEDICAL STUDENT ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO NOW. I'VE COME HERE FOR A  
2 NUMBER OF REASONS. IN THE TIME I'VE BEEN AT MY HOSPITAL, OUR  
3 CENSUS HAS GONE FROM 40,000 PATIENTS A YEAR, THIS YEAR WE'LL  
4 SEE OVER 100,000 PATIENTS. AND WE'VE-- IT SAID, IN ANTELOPE  
5 VALLEY, THAT WE'VE BECOME THE DEFACTO TRAUMA CENTER AND THE  
6 DEFACTO COUNTY HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF CLOSURES. SINCE I'VE BEEN  
7 AT MY HOSPITAL, THREE HOSPITALS HAVE CLOSED IN MY AREA. SO NOW  
8 THERE ARE TWO. THE OTHER HOSPITAL WAS QUITE SMALL AND THE  
9 PARAMEDICS BRING ALL OF THE TRAUMA TO US THAT CANNOT BE FLOWN  
10 OUT, WHICH IS FAIRLY FREQUENT. THE TRAUMA THAT DOES LEAVE THE  
11 ANTELOPE VALLEY IS THE LOWER ACUITY TRAUMA. THE HIGHER ACUITY  
12 TRAUMA COMES TO US. AND THE VERY LOW ACUITY COMES TO US. SO I  
13 DON'T HAVE EXACT STATISTICS BUT WE'RE A VERY BUSY HOSPITAL FOR  
14 NOT BEING A TRAUMA CENTER. AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, OUR EMERGENCY  
15 DEPARTMENT HAS RAMPED UP TO TRY AND MEET THE NEED. THE FLIP  
16 SIDE OF THAT IS THAT OUR CALL PANEL, BACKUP PANEL IS GETTING  
17 THINNER AND THINNER AS TIME GOES ON. THIS LAST MONTH, WE LOST,  
18 AFTER HAVING SEVERAL DECADES OF CONTINUOUS NEUROSURGERY  
19 COVERAGE, WE LOST OUR CONTINUOUS NEUROSURGERY COVERAGE. WE NOW  
20 HAVE NEUROSURGERY COVERAGE ONLY EIGHT OUT OF 30 DAYS A YEAR.  
21 THAT MEANS, IF YOU'RE DRIVING FAST ON THE 14 FREEWAY, YOU  
22 BETTER SEATBELT UP AND SLOW DOWN BECAUSE, IF YOU HAVE AN  
23 EPIDURAL HEMATOMA, THERE'S NOT A NEUROSURGEON IN TOWN, MOST  
24 LIKELY ON THE DAY THAT YOU ARE DRIVING UP TO MAMMOTH TO GO  
25 SKIING OR IF YOU'RE COMING UP TO DO BUSINESS IN THE ANTELOPE



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1 VALLEY. I COULD TELL YOU THAT THERE'S NO HARDER WORKING  
2 HOSPITAL I'VE EVER BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH AND I'M VERY PROUD TO  
3 BE PART OF THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IN MY HOSPITAL BUT WE NEED  
4 SOME HELP. EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS, BY NATURE, DON'T ASK FOR A  
5 LOT OF HELP. WE TRY AND BE QUITE SELF-RELIANT. SO, IF WE'RE  
6 HERE, IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE HERE TO ASK FOR HELP FOR OUR PATIENTS  
7 AND THAT'S REALLY WHERE WE'RE COMING FROM. I WAS FEATURED,  
8 ABOUT A YEAR AGO, IN THE "L.A. TIMES" MAGAZINE. I BROUGHT THIS  
9 FOR MR. ANTONOVICH AND THE REST OF YOU IF YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE A  
10 LOOK AT IT. BUT IT DETAILS WHAT'S GOING ON AT MY HOSPITAL AND  
11 MY COMMUNITY, WHICH IS THAT IF, YOU KNOW, THE FEDERAL  
12 M.T.A.L.A. LAW SAYS THAT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS ARE HERE TO  
13 SERVE EVERYBODY WHO COMES IN, NO MATTER IF YOU'RE FROM MARS OR  
14 IF YOU HAPPEN TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE THE HOSPITAL IS  
15 BUT, IF YOU COME IN AND SEE ME AND I DO MY BEST TO HELP YOU  
16 AND I'VE REACHED THE EXTENT OF MY SKILL SET, THAT'S IT. IF YOU  
17 HAVE A FRACTURED FEMUR OR YOU NEED TO GO FOR EMERGENCY CHEST  
18 SURGERY AND THERE'S NO ON CALL, YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK. AND THAT'S  
19 THE MESSAGE THAT I THINK WE NEED TO SEND. WE KNOW THE COUNTY  
20 CAN'T FIX ALL THE PROBLEMS. WE KNOW YOU'RE OVERBURDENED, YOUR  
21 RESPONSIBILITIES ARE IMPOSSIBLE. BUT WE'RE ASKING BASICALLY  
22 FOR THIS ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENT TO GET THROUGH WHERE THE STATE  
23 SHOULD BE HELPING SO WE CAN GET OVER THIS HUMP SO WE DON'T, AS  
24 DR. LEBOW HAS MENTIONED, WE DON'T LOSE MORE OF THE COMPOUND  
25 THAT WE HAVE UNTIL THERE'S A GREATER EITHER STATE OR FEDERAL



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1 SOLUTION FOR THE FUNDING OF HEALTHCARE. AND, YOU KNOW, AS  
2 OPPOSED TO LOOKING AT IT AS A SHAKEDOWN, I COULD SEE HOW YOU  
3 MIGHT SEE IT THAT WAY, EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS, WHO I WORK WITH,  
4 OFTEN SEE THAT HOSPITALS AND DOCTORS ARE BEING UNILATERALLY  
5 TAXED FOR TAKING CARE OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE. THAT DOESN'T MAKE  
6 US NOT WANT TO HELP PEOPLE. THAT'S OUR, YOU KNOW, THAT'S  
7 MISSION IS TO HELP PEOPLE, ANYBODY WHO COMES IN. WE DON'T ASK  
8 ABOUT MONEY BUT WE DO NEED TO BE ABLE TO HIRE THE BEST AND  
9 BRIGHTEST TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PATIENTS AND WE DO NEED TO KEEP  
10 OUR CALL PANELS THERE BECAUSE WE WORK AS A TEAM. WE DON'T WORK  
11 ALONE IN A VACUUM AS A GENERAL PRACTITIONER IN A LITTLE  
12 OFFICE...

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. CHIEF?

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.

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18 **CHIEF BAMATTRE:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I COME TO YOU NOT FOR  
19 THE RICH AUNT AND UNCLE BUT MORE FOR THE WISE AUNT AND UNCLE.  
20 IF YOU RECALL, I WAS HERE A YEAR AGO TALKING ABOUT MEASURE B  
21 AND SOME OF THE CONCERNS I HAD THEN. I APPRECIATE THAT WE  
22 DON'T HAVE TO PUT OURSELVES IN A TOUGH DECISION ABOUT WHETHER  
23 WE'RE GOING TO SUPPORT OR NOT THE INCREASE BECAUSE I'M NOT  
24 SURE WHICH SIDE OF THE LINE I WOULD COME DOWN ON. WHAT I'D  
25 LIKE TO TALK ABOUT TODAY, AND I'M HANDING OUT A FOLDER THAT



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1 HAS THE BULLET POINTS, IS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE, NOT AS THE  
2 FIRE CHIEF FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUT AS ONE OF THE FIRE  
3 AGENCIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE HAVE A RICH HISTORY  
4 OF WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TOGETHER AND I THINK SUPERVISOR  
5 MOLINA HIT IT RIGHT ON THE HEAD WITH THE COALITION THAT NEEDS  
6 TO BE BUILT. WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS A LONG-TERM PLAN. WHEN WE  
7 LOOK AT THE PRIORITIES ON THE MEASURE B ALLOCATIONS AND WHAT  
8 WE ALL CAMPAIGNED FOR WAS STRENGTHENING AND MAINTAINING THE  
9 COUNTY TRAUMA SYSTEM. ONE THING THAT'S DEAR TO MY HEART,  
10 ESTABLISHING A PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CARE CENTER, PEDIATRIC TRAUMA  
11 CENTER IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THERE ARE SIX IN THE COUNTY  
12 BUT NONE IN THE VALLEY. 10 YEARS WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT.  
13 I'VE GONE TO THREE MEETINGS WITH CAROL AND WITH VIRGINIA, HER  
14 PREDECESSOR. SUPPORT OF THINGS LIKE THE 12-LEAD E.K.G. AND  
15 THAT'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A OBJECTIVE OF MEASURE B THAT WE  
16 CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT HAS APPLICATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY  
17 BECAUSE IT STANDARDIZES AND PUTS US ALL ON THE SAME PLAIN.  
18 REIMBURSEMENT FOR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR AIR AMBULANCE,  
19 THE HELICOPTER TRANSPORTS, REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOSPITAL  
20 TRANSPORTS AND A PROPORTIONAL PLAN. I THINK, AS YOUR  
21 DISCUSSION LED TO, IS THE LACK OF THE PLAN IS WHAT'S HURTING  
22 US. AND WHAT I'M OFFERING IS AN OPTION, AN ALTERNATIVE. I'D  
23 LIKE TO SEE THE E.M.S. COMMISSION STRENGTHENED AND MODELED  
24 AFTER THE VERY SUCCESSFUL FIRE SCOPE BOARD THAT, FOR 30 YEARS,  
25 HAS BEEN MANAGING RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. I THINK IT





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1 WILL TAKE A LOT OF THE BURDEN OFF OF THE BOARD, WILL ASSIST  
2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN BUILDING THAT COALITION.  
3 WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW IS SO MANY OF THE ENTITIES IN THE HEALTH  
4 SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY HAVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL PAROCHIAL INTERESTS  
5 THAT ARE COMPROMISING THE ENTIRE OBJECTIVES THAT WE FACE AS A  
6 WHOLE. WE HAVE TO LOOK TOWARDS SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS, THE SAFE  
7 HAVEN PROGRAM SUPERVISOR KNABE PROMOTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.  
8 THOSE THINGS ARE COMMON. WE DO IT ON BRUSH FIRES, WE DO IT ON  
9 MAJOR EMERGENCIES. WE NEED TO DO IT FOR HEALTHCARE. AND  
10 CERTAINLY THERE IS GOING TO BE SOME GIVE AND TAKE. YOU SPOKE  
11 EARLIER. I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN GIVE MONEY TO A HOSPITAL ON A  
12 PROMISE THAT THEY MAY BECOME A TRAUMA CENTER. MAKE THAT A  
13 CONDITION. IF WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A HELIPAD, IF WE'RE GOING  
14 TO MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, THAT SHOULD BE TIED TO A  
15 CONTRACT. I THINK THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF MISCONCEPTION ABOUT  
16 A RESERVE. THOSE ARE UNALLOCATED FUNDS. WE ALL CAMPAIGNED ON  
17 SPENDING THAT MONEY BECAUSE THERE WAS A DEFICIT, THERE WAS A  
18 NEED. THE WAY THAT MONEY IS COLLECTED, THERE WERE ALWAYS BE  
19 THE FLEXIBILITY TO REDIRECT MONEY FOR EMERGENCIES, FOR  
20 CONTINGENCIES BUT IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY WE HAVE A RESERVE WHEN  
21 WE HAVE THE NEED FOR A PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTER, WE HAVE THE  
22 NEED TO KEEP HOSPITALS OPEN TO COVER THOSE THINGS. SO I SPEAK  
23 HERE STANDING READY TO ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN BUT  
24 I'D LIKE TO WORK WITH CAROL AND THE E.M.S. COMMISSION TO



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1 STRENGTHEN THEIR ROLE IN PUTTING TOGETHER A LONG-TERM  
2 STRATEGIC PLAN.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CHIEF. MR. SAUTON.

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6 **MARK SAUTON:** HI. I'M MARK SAUTON. I SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT OF  
7 THE L.A. AREA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION. I'M ALSO THE FIRE CHIEF  
8 OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY SO I HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF AN ISSUE HERE  
9 AS WELL. BUT I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MY FELLOW FIRE CHIEFS. THE  
10 FIRE CHIEFS IN THE COUNTY AGREE WITH COUNTY STAFF ON THE USE  
11 OF MEASURE B FUNDS FOR THE DELIVERY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
12 IN THE COUNTY. SPECIFICALLY, THE PROPOSED FUNDING OF THE 12-  
13 LEAD CARDIAC MONITOR PROGRAM, ONCE IMPLEMENTED, WILL SAVE  
14 LIVES. AS YOU KNOW, THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY DELIVER  
15 EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND TRANSPORTATION TO THE ENTIRE  
16 POPULATION OF THE COUNTY EVERY DAY. APPROXIMATELY 15% OF ALL  
17 EMERGENCY ROOM PATIENTS ARE DELIVERED TO RECEIVING HOSPITALS  
18 UNDER FIRE DEPARTMENT CARE. LET'S FUND THE 12-LEAD PROGRAM  
19 NOW. THE FIRE CHIEFS WOULD LIKE THIS PROPOSAL BE AT THE START  
20 OF A PLANNING EFFORT FOR THE USE OF MEASURE B FUNDS IN THE  
21 FUTURE. PROVIDERS OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE  
22 COUNTY ALL SHARE A NEED FOR BETTER FUNDING FOR THEIR SERVICES.  
23 PRESENTLY, THERE IS NO FUNDING FORMULA OR LONG-TERM PLAN FOR  
24 THE USE OF THE MEASURE B FUNDS, AS CHIEF BAMATTRE HAS ALREADY  
25 SAID. THE FIRE CHIEF BELIEVE THE E.M.S. COMMISSION WOULD BE AN



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1 IDEAL GOVERNING BODY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH A PLANNING  
2 EFFORT. WE HAVE ALREADY SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPED A PLAN TO IMPROVE  
3 THE PREPAREDNESS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS COUNTYWIDE FOR  
4 RESPONSE TO TERRORISM INCIDENTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE A PARTNER  
5 IN A FUTURE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF E.M.S. STAKEHOLDERS AS  
6 WELL. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO SEE A SUSTAINABLE STREAM OF FUNDING  
7 FOR FIREFIGHTER FIRST RESPONDERS. THERE ARE MANY COMMON  
8 ISSUES, SUCH AS COMMUNICATION, TRAUMA CENTERS AND  
9 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED THROUGH A  
10 COMMON PLANNING EFFORT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THE FIRE  
11 CHIEFS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AGREE WITH THE ALLOCATION OF  
12 FUNDING FOR THE 12-LEAD CARDIAC CARE PROJECT AS WELL AS A  
13 LONG-TERM PLAN FOR MEASURE B. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIRE. NEXT, WE HAVE DR. ANDREA  
16 BRAULT, IRV EDWARDS AND DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. MARK?

17

18 **MARK GAMBLE:** I'M ALLAN GAMBLE WITH THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF  
19 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND WE HAVE AN INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE OF  
20 HOW WE INTERRELATE WITH THIS SYSTEM REPRESENTING THE COUNTY  
21 HOSPITAL SYSTEM AND ALSO THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL SYSTEMS, WORKING  
22 VERY CLOSELY WITH E.M.S. AND THE PHYSICIANS WHO, IF THEY WERE  
23 NOT AROUND, THERE WOULD BE NO HEALTHCARE IN THESE HOSPITALS  
24 THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SO WE SEE IT AS REALLY A SYSTEM IN  
25 CHRIS. AND FROM A REFRESHING PERSPECTIVE, MAYBE WE CAN LOOK AT



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1 IT THAT WAY THIS MORNING. AT LEAST WE'RE HERE TALKING ABOUT  
2 SOME EXTRA MONEY THAT'S SITTING AROUND AND WE'RE NOT HERE  
3 WRINGING OUR HANDS FOR A DEFICIT, OVER A DEFICIT, IF WE LOOK  
4 AT THE SMALLER PICTURE. SO LET'S LOOK AT THE SMALLER PICTURE  
5 RIGHT NOW. I'D LIKE TO COMMEND THIS BOARD FOR HAVING THE  
6 COURAGE AND FORESIGHT TO PUT MEASURE B ON THE BALLOT AND  
7 GETTING THE TAXPAYERS TO APPROVE IT. AS A HOMEOWNER, I  
8 UNDERSTAND AND RELATE TO THE CONCERNS ABOUT RAISING TAXES  
9 AGAIN BUT, BEING INVOLVED WITH THE E.M.S. SYSTEM, I CERTAINLY  
10 UNDERSTAND THE CRISIS THAT WE ARE IN. AND, AS SUPERVISOR  
11 YAROSLAVSKY SAID, THIS HAS BEEN A CRISIS SINCE HE ARRIVED HERE  
12 AND IT'S BEEN A CRISIS SINCE BEFORE THAT. BUT THE CRISIS JUST  
13 SEEMS TO GET WORSE SINCE, IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, WE'VE HAD  
14 NINE HOSPITALS CLOSE. WE'VE GOT, AS BEEN DISCUSSED HERE, THE  
15 STATE NOT PAYING VERY MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN  
16 HERE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFER TO PUT TOGETHER OR TO WORK  
17 WITH US ON FORMING A COALITION I THINK IS KEY BECAUSE WE DO  
18 NOT HAVE THE ATTENTION THAT WE NEED DOWN HERE. ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
19 MARK RIDLEY THOMAS HAD THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE HEALTHCARE  
20 CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY AND I THINK THAT'S KIND OF FADED AWAY.  
21 THE ONE THING WE HAVE FOR US RIGHT NOW IS S.B. 57, WHICH IS  
22 THE ALERCON BILL, WHICH WE ALL THOUGHT WAS NEVER GOING TO GET  
23 ANYWHERE. IT IS STILL ALIVE. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE US DO AS  
24 A COALITION, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, PUT PRESSURE ON THE L.A.  
25 DELEGATION TO GET THAT THING THROUGH. I KNOW IT'S BEEN HELD UP



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1 IN ANOTHER COMMITTEE BUT IT STILL HAS A CHANCE. THAT WOULD BE  
2 THE FIRST STEP IN ADDRESSING THE PSIP SHORTFALL. AND, AGAIN, I  
3 KNOW, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THAT IT'S THAT ONE TIME, 4.1  
4 SHORTFALL THAT WE'RE LOOKING TO USE MEASURE B TO BACKFILL AND  
5 NOT TO DO THIS CONSISTENTLY. THE DOWNEY ISSUE. DOWNEY IS A  
6 HOSPITAL THAT I THINK IS UNIQUE. YOU'VE HEARD JIM LOTT SIT UP  
7 HERE AND SAY, WHEN THE COUNTY SNEEZES, THE REST OF THE PRIVATE  
8 SECTOR CATCHES PNEUMONIA. DOWNEY IS ONE OF THOSE HOSPITALS  
9 THAT HAS PNEUMONIA. THEY ARE IN AN AREA THAT HAD A NUMBER OF  
10 CLINICS CLOSE AND THE NATIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION, EARLIER THIS  
11 YEAR, DID A STUDY TO SHOW-- OR TO LOOK AT WHERE THE INDIGENT  
12 POPULATIONS WERE GOING AND DOWNEY WAS ONE OF THOSE HOSPITALS  
13 THAT SAW A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN INDIGENT COMING THROUGH  
14 THEIR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF COUNTY CLINIC  
15 CLOSURES. SO THE PACKAGE THAT CAROL PUT BEFORE YOU, I THINK,  
16 IS-- NOW SHE IS TO BE COMMENDED BECAUSE SHE'S TAKING GREAT  
17 RISK IN DOING WHAT SHE'S DOING, COMING TO YOU WITH THE NEEDS.  
18 THIS ISN'T GOING TO FIX THE SYSTEM BY ANY MEANS BUT AT LEAST  
19 IT'S GOING TO STABILIZE IT IN THE SHORT-TERM, AS MEASURE B HAS  
20 DONE FOR THE TRAUMA CONTRACT. AND, HAVING SPENDING A LOT OF  
21 TIME WITH MY SON RECENTLY, 18-MONTH-OLD, TEACHING HIM TO  
22 COUNT, I KNOW WE CAN'T GET TO THREE THIS MORNING SO I DO  
23 ENCOURAGE YOU THOUGH TO LOOK AT THE TAX INCREASE IN FUTURE  
24 YEARS AND WE ARE GETTING IT READY TO GO INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR  
25 THE TRAUMA CONTRACT AND WE'LL BE WORKING WITH THE COUNTY ON



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1 THAT. AND APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S RECOGNITION THAT  
2 WE CAN COME BACK NEXT YEAR AND TALK ABOUT THAT THEN. THANK  
3 YOU.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. BRAULT.

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7 **DR. ANDREA BRAULT:** YES, GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND  
8 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING. MY NAME IS  
9 DR. ANDREA BRAULT AND I'M AN EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN AT DANIEL  
10 FREEMAN AND ENGLEWOOD. AND, OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE  
11 ALSO HAVE NOTICED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF  
12 PATIENTS REGISTERING, GOING FROM ABOUT 100 A DAY TO, AT TIMES,  
13 ABOVE 150. NOW, THE STATISTICS THAT YOU SEE REPRESENT THE  
14 NUMBER OF PATIENTS WHO ARE ABLE TO GO THROUGH THE TUBE OR A  
15 THREE OR FOUR-HOUR WAIT TO BE SEEN. AND SO, WHILE THE NUMBERS,  
16 AT TIMES, MAY LOOK SMALLER TO YOU AS THOUGH FEWER PATIENTS  
17 NEED CARE, THAT'S NOT THE TRUTH. THERE IS MORE AND MORE  
18 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COMING TO US AND SEEKING CARE BECAUSE  
19 OF THE SYSTEM BEING OVERWHELMED AND HAVING FEWER PROVIDERS AND  
20 A SMALLER ON-CALL PANEL. WE SIMPLY ARE NOT ABLE TO SERVE THE  
21 NEEDS OF THIS COMMUNITY AND I'M HERE TODAY ASKING FOR YOUR  
22 SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT WOULD HELP DO TWO THINGS:  
23 IT WOULD HELP ENSURE THAT WE CAN HAVE THE RIGHT NUMBER OF  
24 PROVIDERS AVAILABLE TO THESE PATIENTS AND THE RIGHT TYPES OF  
25 SPECIALISTS SO THAT, WHEN THAT HOMEOWNER OR THAT CONSTITUENT





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1 HAS THEIR HEART ATTACK, THEIR BROKEN LEG, THEY'RE BLEEDING ON  
2 THE BRAIN, THAT WE WILL HAVE THE RIGHT SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE  
3 FOR THEM. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** I CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE THE BURDEN THAT YOU HAVE AND  
6 WE CERTAINLY WANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT WE CAN TO TRY TO ASSIST.  
7 WHAT WE'RE SIMPLY SAYING IS THAT, AT THIS POINT, I KNOW THAT--  
8 I WENT TO THE PEOPLE AND I TOOK A VERY STRONG POSITION. I  
9 TOOK-- AND I CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTED AS FAR AS MONEY TO TRY TO  
10 GET THIS PASSED. AND I'M NOT PREPARED, AT THIS TIME, TO GO  
11 BACK AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT THAT PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PAY,  
12 PARTICULARLY SINCE MOST PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE PAYING MORE  
13 MONEY ANYHOW BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE HIGHER ASSESSMENTS  
14 ON THEIR PROPERTY. BECAUSE, WHEN YOU DO THAT, THE NEXT TIME  
15 YOU GO BACK, YOU MAY NOT BE A FAVORABLE VOTE AND IT MAY NOT BE  
16 AS BIG. SO YOU HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT, SOMETIMES, HOW  
17 YOU DO THIS. NOW, ALL OF THESE OTHER ISSUES CAN BE ADDRESSED  
18 IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT RESERVE-- SHE  
19 HAS THE RIGHT TO UTILIZE THAT RESERVE AND TO COME TO US TO  
20 SPEND IT FOR SPECIFIC THINGS. THE STATE IS GOING TO HAVE TO  
21 TRY TO ASSIST. SO IT'S ANY NUMBER OF DIFFERENT THINGS THAT ARE  
22 GOING TO HAVE TO HAPPEN AND WE'RE OPEN TO DISCUSSING IT BUT  
23 I'M NOT PREPARED TO GO BACK TO THE PEOPLE AGAIN AT THIS POINT.  
24 BUT I STAND READY TO HELP THE HOSPITAL AND I THINK YOU KNOW  
25 THAT.



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2 **DR. ANDREA BRAULT:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IRV EDWARDS, PLEASE.

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6 **DR. IRV EDWARDS:** MADAM CHAIRWOMAN AND SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS  
7 DR. IRV EDWARDS. THIS YEAR, I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
8 CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY  
9 PHYSICIANS AND I REPRESENT 3,500 EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS IN THE  
10 STATE. I ALSO REPRESENT 800 OF THOSE PHYSICIANS THAT PRACTICE  
11 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M A DEDICATED EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN  
12 WHOSE PRACTICE IN THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT OF MR. ZEV  
13 YAROSLAVSKY. I UNDERSTAND THE BOARD DOES NOT HAVE THE  
14 SENTIMENT TO RAISE TRAUMA MEASURE B TAXES AT THIS TIME BUT I  
15 WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS PRIMARILY MY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE  
16 WELL-CRAFTED PLAN OF E.M.S. THAT CAROL MEYERS HAS PUT FORWARD  
17 THAT I STAND IN STRONG SUPPORT OF. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF  
18 MY PATIENTS, ON-CALL PHYSICIANS, AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS  
19 THAT COULD END UP IN OUR E.R. AND TRAUMA FACILITIES AT ANY  
20 TIME. THERE EXISTS A FRAGILE COALITION OF HOSPITALS WHICH  
21 INCLUDES TRAUMA CENTERS, THE COUNTY HOSPITALS THAT YOU ARE  
22 VERY INVOLVED IN BUT ALSO INCLUDES COMMUNITY HOSPITALS THAT WE  
23 HAVE BECOME YOUR DEFACTO PARTNERS. TOGETHER, THESE HOSPITALS  
24 ARE KNOWN AS THE SAFETY NET AND THEY PROVIDE ACCESS TO ALL  
25 PATIENTS. OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, BECAUSE OF SHRINKING



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1 HEALTHCARE BUDGETS, COUNTY HOSPITALS HAVE DOWNSIZED AND MORE  
2 AND MORE UNFUNDED CARE HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO YOUR DEFACTO  
3 PARTNERS, THE COMMUNITY HOSPITALS. IN THESE FACILITIES, EACH  
4 AND EVERY DAY, WE SAVE LIVES, SIMILAR TO WHAT OCCURS IN TRAUMA  
5 CENTERS. TO NAME BUT A FEW EXAMPLES, WE CARE FOR WOMEN WHO ARE  
6 INTERNALLY BLEEDING WHEN THEY HAVE A TUBAL PREGNANCY. WITHOUT  
7 A TEAM OF SURGEONS AND ANESTHESIOLOGISTS AND A READILY  
8 AVAILABLE OPERATING ROOM, THESE WOMEN WILL DIE. WE CARE FOR  
9 LIFE-THREATENING HEART ATTACKS AND ALSO SEND PATIENTS WHO HAVE  
10 APPENDICITIS TO THE OPERATING ROOM. THESE CONDITIONS, IF LEFT  
11 UNTREATED, WOULD ALSO LEAD TO DEATH. I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO  
12 UNDERSTAND THAT THE LIFE WE SAVE EVERY DAY IN A COMMUNITY  
13 HOSPITAL IS EVERY BIT AS VALUABLE AND EVERY BIT AS IMPORTANT  
14 AS A LIFE THAT IS SAVED AT A TRAUMA CENTER. YET, FOR REASONS  
15 THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, THE COUNTY HAS ELECTED TO ASSIST  
16 HOSPITALS WITH TRAUMA CARE FINANCING BUT PROVIDES NO  
17 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO COMMUNITY HOSPITALS THROUGH TRAUMA  
18 MEASURE B. THESE ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED TO  
19 HELP MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM THAT  
20 IS UNDER IMMENSE PRESSURE IN L.A. COUNTY. I FURTHER SUPPORT  
21 THE IDEA OF CREATING SEED MONEY FOR A ANTELOPE VALLEY AND A  
22 TRAUMA CENTER IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. DOWNEY REGIONAL  
23 MEDICAL CENTER'S NEEDS HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED ALREADY AND I STAND  
24 IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THEM. AT THIS POINT, I'M APPROACHED ON A  
25 WEEKLY PACES BY MY ON-CALL COLLEAGUE WHO HAVE INFORMED ME



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1 THAT, IF PSIP FUNDING LAPSES OR IS DISCONTINUED, THEY WILL  
2 HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DROP OFF OUR CALL PANELS, WHICH TODAY  
3 ARE ALREADY CRITICALLY UNDERMANNED. ONCE THEY LEAVE THE  
4 PROGRAM, I HAVE MY SINCERE DOUBTS THEY WILL EVER RETURN. IF  
5 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHOOSES TO FUND PSIP, IT WILL ENSURE  
6 THE ONGOING AVAILABILITY OF CRITICAL SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS  
7 OF L.A. COUNTY. THERE IS A COALITION WORKING TO MAKE THIS  
8 BETTER AND I'M ALMOST DONE. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, CAL  
9 ASAP, LACHMA, CMA, AND LACSEMDA ARE WORKING WITH OUR STATE  
10 LEGISLATORS TO FIND A SOLUTION. THREE WEEKS AGO, I PERSONALLY  
11 WENT TO SACRAMENTO AND TESTIFIED AT SENATOR ALACON'S ARM AS  
12 THE EXPERT WITNESS ON SB 57. IT IS ALIVE, IT IS MOVING. WE ARE  
13 NOT ASKING FOR THE CREATION OF AN ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM. WE ARE  
14 ASKING FOR A ONE-TIME ASSISTANCE, CONDITIONAL UPON SB-57  
15 PASSING. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THERE'S ONE LAST POINT,  
16 VERY BRIEFLY, THERE IS A PERCEPTION THAT THE STATE HAS CUT  
17 BACK THEIR FUNDING AND THEY HAVE, BUT IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED  
18 THAT THERE ARE 58 COUNTIES IN THIS STATE AND THE ONLY PSIP  
19 FUND THAT HAS GONE DRY, THE ONLY ONE, IS IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS  
20 SYSTEM CANNOT BE ASCRIBED THAT IS ONLY A STATEWIDE PROBLEM. IT  
21 WORKS IN VENTURA COUNTY. IT WORKS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. WE ARE  
22 THE ONLY COUNTY THAT HAS GONE BROKE IN TERMS OF THE PSIP FUND  
23 AND THAT HAS TO DO WITH OUR CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS, OUR  
24 INDIGENT LOAD AND OUR EVER-INCREASING UNINSURED POPULATION.



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1 THERE ARE FAR MORE BILLS THIS COUNTY BEING SUBMITTED. WE NEED  
2 YOUR HELP ON A...

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, MR. EDWARDS?

5

6 **DR. IRV EDWARDS:** WE NEED YOUR HELP ON A ONE-TIME BASIS. THANK  
7 YOU.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL.

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11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
12 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK HERE WE'RE MIXING APPLES AND  
13 ORANGES. IT'S EVIDENT THAT MANY OF THE HOSPITALS NEED  
14 FINANCIAL HELP AND I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THAT. AND I'M SO  
15 EXCITED TO SEE SO MANY PHYSICIANS HERE TODAY FIGHTING ON  
16 BEHALF OF PATIENTS. THAT'S A FIRST IN A LONG TIME. BUT HERE  
17 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MEASURE B, WHICH WAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED  
18 FOR TRAUMA HELP. TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY ROOM ARE TWO HUGE  
19 DIFFERENT THINGS. MEASURE B WAS ALLOCATED. WE ALL VOTED ON IT.  
20 IT WAS TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND THE QUALITY OF TRAUMA CARE IN  
21 L.A. COUNTY. IN TURN, WE HAVE CLOSED KING DREW TRAUMA CENTER  
22 AND ASK-- LIKE, YOU KNOW, I LIVE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY.  
23 THERE IS NO TRAUMA CENTER THERE. DOWNEY IS NOT A TRAUMA  
24 CENTER, IT IS AN EMERGENCY ROOM. I THINK WE NEED TO SEPARATE  
25 THOSE TWO ISSUES AND I THINK WE NEED TO USE MEASURE B FOR



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1 TRAUMA. THAT'S WHAT THE PEOPLE HAVE VOTED FOR. I THINK WE  
2 SHOULD RESPECT THEIR WISHES. BY THE SAME TOKEN, I THINK WE  
3 SHOULD REALLY START LOOKING AT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE UNINSURED.  
4 DEVELOP A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE HOSPITAL TO MAINTAIN THE  
5 CARE THEY ARE GIVING, YOU KNOW, TO INDIVIDUALS. SO I THINK WE  
6 NEED TO FIND, YOU KNOW, SOLUTIONS THAT-- THOSE PROBLEMS. I  
7 THINK A COALITION IS CERTAINLY A GOOD THING TO GET SOME INPUT  
8 AND SEE HOW WE CAN SOLVE THAT TREMENDOUS PROBLEM. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT. THAT  
11 CONCLUDES THE SPEAKERS. WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE US. IS THERE  
12 ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT? IF NOT, SUPERVISOR  
13 YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THIS ITEM. MOVED BY  
14 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. ANY  
15 OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEM 24.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE ONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO  
20 ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM. MR. BAXTER, PLEASE JOIN US. COULD YOU  
21 OPEN THE DOOR FOR MR. BAXTER, PLEASE?

22

23 **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,  
24 MISS HARPER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND  
25 I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT THIS





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1 AGENDA ITEM IS TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
2 OF PUBLIC WORKS. I HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT  
3 OF PUBLIC WORKS DATED APRIL 18, 2005. THIS LETTER FROM THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STATES, IN PART, AS FOLLOWS, I'M  
5 QUOTING MR. JOHN KELLY, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT  
6 OF PUBLIC WORKS, "WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF  
7 POSSESSES THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EXPERTISE IN EVALUATING  
8 FIREFIGHTING PRACTICES." I'M NOT QUESTIONING AND I NEVER HAVE  
9 QUESTIONED HIS PARTICULAR EXPERTISE, SO I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY  
10 THEY CHALLENGED ME THAT WAY. ALSO ANOTHER QUOTATION, "AS THE  
11 COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIAL, WE CONCUR WITH CHIEF P. MICHAEL  
12 FREEMAN'S RECENT RESPONSE TO YOU," THIS IS, HIS RESPONSE TO  
13 ME, PETER BAXTER, REGARDING THE TECHNICAL MERITS OF YOUR  
14 PROPOSAL. THIS IS A VOLUNTEERED STATEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
15 PUBLIC WORKS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT. THIS  
16 READS AS IF THE DEPARTMENT OF-- THAT'S THE END OF THE  
17 QUOTATIONS. THAT READS AS IF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
18 STANDS SOLIDLY BEHIND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LIKE A FAMILY  
19 BUSINESS TYPE OF LOYALTY AND AGAINST MY PROPOSAL TO USE STEAM  
20 TO SUPPRESS FIRE IN A HIGH-RISE BUILDING. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
21 WHAT I'M RAISING. I'M RAISING THE QUESTION OF THE USE OF STEAM  
22 AND I'M GETTING ALL KINDS OF RESPONSES WHICH HAVE NOTHING TO  
23 DO WITH WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. WHAT IS SURPRISING IS THE  
24 STRENGTH OF THE DETERMINATION, WHICH IS BEING SHOWN BY FIRE  
25 CHIEF FREEMAN AND ACTING DEPUTY DIRECT JOHN KELLY OF THE



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1 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. WHY ARE THEY SO INSISTENT ON THIS?  
2 WHY, I WONDER, ARE THEY SO ASSURED IN THEIR STAND WHEN THEY'RE  
3 SO RELUCTANT TO SET OUT THE FOUNDATION OF THEIR IRONCLAD  
4 POSITIONS? IF MY PROPOSAL TO USE STEAM IS AS INEPT AS THEY  
5 SEEM TO BELIEVE, WHY NOT COME OUT TO THIS MICROPHONE AND SET  
6 OUT THE REASONS THEY REST THEIR CONCLUSIONS-- UPON WHICH THEY  
7 REST THEIR CONCLUSIONS, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
8 AND I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE THE ITEM.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON  
16 THAT ITEM.

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18 **SUP. BURKE:** 31.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 31. I THINK THAT ITEM HAS BEEN  
21 CONTINUED, HASN'T IT?

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THE DIRECTOR IS  
24 REQUESTING A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE BUT I THINK YOU WERE GOING  
25 TO LET THE SPEAKER SPEAK.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, RIGHT. THAT'S TRUE. MR. CHAPMAN. JEFF  
3 CHAPMAN IS HERE. HE'S NOT HERE? ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM HAS BEEN  
4 CONTINUED AND SO WE'LL LET HIM KNOW THAT THE ITEM HAS BEEN  
5 CONTINUED.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** THEN I CALL ITEM 61-- I'M SORRY. 51.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 51.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND, MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS A PUBLIC  
12 HEARING AND SO I WOULD ASK ANYONE WHO IS PLANNING TO TESTIFY  
13 ON ITEM 51, PLEASE STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN  
14 IN.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. LEVIN, IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE? [  
17 ADMINISTERING OATH ]

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. LEVIN?

22

23 **HARRY P. LEVIN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS HARRY P.  
24 LEVIN AND I'M PRESIDENT OF ELECTRO ENERGY CORPORATION, A  
25 COUNTY-RECOGNIZED TEST LABORATORY. I CAME TO YOU LAST THURSDAY



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1 TO ADDRESS THE IMPLICATIONS OF LEGISLATING INTO LAW SECTION 5  
2 OF THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES. BECAUSE OF THE TIME  
3 LIMITATION, I WAS NOT ABLE TO ADDRESS THE IMPLICATIONS OF  
4 ENACTING SECTION 6 AND 7. SECTIONS 5 THROUGH 7 HAVE SERIOUS  
5 SAFETY, LEGAL AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS BUT THEY ARE SOMEWHAT  
6 TECHNICAL IN NATURE. THEY CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY PRESENTED IN  
7 JUST 180 SECONDS. THE BOARD WISELY DECIDED TO TAKE UP SECTION  
8 5 IN CLOSED SESSION BUT SECTION 5 IS BUT A SMALL FACET OF THE  
9 OVERALL PROBLEM. THERE IS MORE. THERE IS REAL ABUSE OF THE  
10 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. THIS IS ABOUT BREAKING LAWS. THIS IS  
11 ABOUT ATTEMPTS TO DECEIVE THIS BOARD. THIS IS ALSO ABOUT  
12 MONEY. I HEARD A LOT ABOUT MONEY THIS MORNING. THIS IS ABOUT  
13 MANIPULATING COUNTY FEES, DEPRIVING THE COUNTY OF MONEY. LAST  
14 BUT NOT LEAST, IT IS ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY, THE VERY PURPOSE OF  
15 THIS DEPARTMENT. SECTION 6 AND 7 ARE NOT UNDER LITIGATION. I'M  
16 ASKING FOR NOTHING MORE THAN TO BE HEARD ON THESE ISSUES. I'M  
17 WILLING TO TESTIFY IN ANY FORUM THIS BOARD MAY PROVIDE AND  
18 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. I'VE ASKED THAT ALL SUPERVISORS, THE  
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL BE PROVIDED WITH A  
20 DOCUMENT BRIEFLY SUMMARIZING THE TOPICS I WOULD LIKE TO  
21 ADDRESS. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR CONSIDERATION OF MY  
22 REQUEST.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SIR. THIS ITEM IS  
25 BEFORE US.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AREN'T WE GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF YOU WOULD LIKE, WE CAN.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THOUGHT THAT WAS ON OUR AGENDA.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT IS ON OUR AGENDA BUT WE HAVE TO COME  
9 OUT AND VOTE FOR IT IN A PUBLIC SETTING. DO YOU WANT TO GO  
10 INTO CLOSED SESSION NOW?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WHENEVER WE'RE DONE WITH THE MEETING.  
13 TODAY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE SEVEN QUESTIONS HERE WE COULD ASK IN  
16 PUBLIC, I THINK. THE SEVEN QUESTIONS THAT HE RAISES, I THINK  
17 WE COULD ASK IN...

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THE SEVEN, MR. WOLFE, WERE WHAT IS THE  
22 REAL PURPOSE OF SPECIAL INSPECTIONS AND HOW DOES THE COUNTY  
23 BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL INSPECTIONS.

24



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1   **DON WOLFE:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. DON WOLFE, DIRECTOR OF  
2   PUBLIC WORKS. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THE COUNTY  
3   HAS A SPECIAL INSPECTION PROGRAM WHICH IS DETAILED IN THE  
4   BUILDING CODE. AND THE BUILDING CODE CLEARLY CALLS OUT  
5   SPECIFIC INSTANCES WHERE A-- WE WOULD REQUIRE, THAT IS, WE'D  
6   REQUIRE, BY LAW, A BUILDER TO HIRE AN INSPECTOR WHICH HAS BEEN  
7   CERTIFIED BY US AS QUALIFIED TO MAKE A CERTAIN TYPE OF  
8   INSPECTION LIKE REINFORCE-- LIKE WELDING AND CONCRETE MASONRY  
9   AND THE SORT OF THING WHERE SOMEBODY NEEDS TO BE THERE  
10   WATCHING THE PROCESS CONTINUOUSLY. THEN WE ALSO, THE BUILDING  
11   OFFICIAL IS ALLOWED TO, AT HIS OR HER DISCRETION, REQUIRE  
12   SPECIAL INSPECTIONS FOR PARTICULAR SITUATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE  
13   HAZARDOUS OR OUT OF THE ORDINARY. THIS IS A CASE WHERE THE  
14   OWNER DOES NOT HAVE A CHOICE. THE OWNER HAS TO HIRE THAT  
15   INSPECTOR TO MAKE THOSE INSPECTIONS AND THAT INSPECTOR REPORTS  
16   TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND GETS THEIR REPORT  
17   APPROVED. IN THE CASE OF THE ELECTRICAL SPECIAL INSPECTOR,  
18   MANY, MANY YEARS AGO, WE HAD A SITUATION WHICH WAS CONSIDERED  
19   WARRANTED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIAL AND THE ELECTRICAL-- CHIEF  
20   ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR TO HAVE A CONTINUOUS INSPECTION. FOR THE  
21   PAST 20-SOME YEARS, WE HAVE NOT HAD A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE  
22   REQUIRED A SPECIAL INSPECTOR ON A JOB FOR ELECTRICAL AND WE DO  
23   NOT ANTICIPATE HAVING THAT SITUATION ARISE IN THE FUTURE. WE  
24   HAVE THE ABILITY TO TAKE CARE OF A SITUATION IN THE FUTURE  
25   SHOULD IT ARISE. HAVING A TITLE OF SPECIAL INSPECTOR FOR





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1 ELECTRICAL IMPLIES THAT THE COUNTY, LIKE THE OTHER SUBJECTS  
2 WHERE WE HAVE SPECIAL INSPECTORS, IS DOING CONTINUOUS REVIEW  
3 AND TESTING OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE  
4 KEEPING THEIR SKILLS CURRENT. THE CODES CHANGE EVERY THREE  
5 YEARS AND, IN THIS CASE, WE HAVE NOT HAD AN EXAMINATION OR A  
6 REVIEW OF SKILLS FOR ANYBODY FOR SPECIAL INSPECTOR FOR  
7 ELECTRICAL IN OVER 20 YEARS. TO GO TO THE EXPENSE OF SETTING  
8 UP A PROGRAM, JUST LIKE WE DO WITH ALL THE OTHER SPECIAL  
9 INSPECTORS, WOULD BE OF NO BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY BECAUSE WE  
10 CAN'T PERCEIVE ANY SITUATION WHERE WE'D BE REQUIRING THE  
11 SERVICES OF THAT TYPE OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DO ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS NEED TO BE  
14 CERTIFIED BY TEST LABS OR COUNTY ORDINANCES? I'LL JUST READ  
15 THE FIVE-- YOU CAN-- WHAT IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TESTING  
16 LABORATORY AND HOW DOES IT DIFFER FROM THE COUNTY RECOGNIZED  
17 TESTING LABORATORY, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SURVEILLANCE OF  
18 TEST LABS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND FEES, THE ORIGINAL SETUP  
19 IN TODAY'S REALITY AND SUGGESTED REMEDIES.

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21 **RAJ PATEL:** MADAM CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, RAJ PATEL,  
22 SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING, PUBLIC WORKS. THE COUNTY  
23 ELECTRICAL CODE REQUIRES THAT ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT THAT IS  
24 INSTALLED IN THE COUNTY BE LISTED AND LABELED BY AN AGENCY. IF  
25 AN AGENCY THAT'S A NATIONAL RECOGNIZED TESTING LAB, SUCH AS



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1 U.L., UNDERWRITERS LABORATORY, PUTS THEIR STICKER ON THAT  
2 PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, THEN THAT EQUIPMENT IS OKAY FOR  
3 INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, SOMETIMES THERE IS PIECES  
4 OF EQUIPMENT CUSTOM MADE THAT ARE ASSEMBLED ON SITE, NOT  
5 FACTORY MADE AND THEREFORE THOSE REQUIRE A CERTIFIED TESTING  
6 LABORATORY TO GO OUT, FIELD VERIFY THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS SAFE  
7 FOR OPERATION, CERTIFY IT, AND THEN WE SIGN IT OFF. NATIONALLY  
8 RECOGNIZED TESTING LABORATORIES ARE REGULATED BY THE FEDERAL  
9 GOVERNMENT UNDER O.S.H.A. O.S.H.A.'S RESPONSIBILITY IS  
10 WORKPLACE SAFETY. IN 1988, O.S.H.A. CREATED THE NATIONALLY  
11 RECOGNIZED TESTING LABORATORY PROGRAM, THE NATIONAL RECOGNIZED  
12 TESTING LABORATORIES ESSENTIALLY REVIEW PRODUCTS THAT ARE  
13 PRODUCED IN MASS QUANTITIES TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE SAFE  
14 AND THEN THEY LABEL THOSE PRODUCTS, ONCE AGAIN, SUCH AS U.L.  
15 IN THE COUNTY AS FAR AS PRIVATELY CERTIFIED TESTING  
16 LABORATORIES THAT THE COUNTY PUTS OUT, THERE ARE FOUR  
17 CURRENTLY THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION TESTING LABORATORIES.  
18 THESE LABORATORIES ARE THERE FOR OWNERS AND CONTRACTORS TO  
19 HIRE TO COME OUT TO VERIFY THAT CUSTOM MADE FIELD EQUIPMENT  
20 COMPLIES WITH THE ELECTRICAL CODE AND IS SAFE FOR OPERATION.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU HAVE ANY  
23 QUESTIONS?

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK YOU THE QUESTION THAT I ASKED  
2   LAST WEEK WHICH IS, WHAT IS THE HARM, IS THIS A HARM, WHAT'S  
3   THE PUBLIC PURPOSE-- IS THERE A PUBLIC PURPOSE IN REMOVING  
4   THIS POSITION ONCE AND FOR ALL? WHAT IS THE HARM IF IT WERE  
5   CONTINUED?

6

7   **DON WOLFE:** THE HARM, IF IT WERE TO CONTINUE, IS THAT HAVING A  
8   SPECIAL INSPECTOR'S LICENSE FROM THE COUNTY IMPLIES THAT THE  
9   COUNTY HAS GIVEN A CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE INDIVIDUAL  
10   CARRYING THE CARD AND IT ALSO IMPLIES CORRECTLY THAT WE HAVE  
11   GONE TO THE EXTENT OF EITHER TESTING OR REQUIRING AN OUTSIDE  
12   AGENCY TO TEST THIS INDIVIDUAL, TO KEEP-- MAKE SURE THAT THEIR  
13   SKILLS ARE BEING KEPT UP TO DATE. IN THIS CASE, WE HAVE NOT  
14   HAD A TEST OR DONE ANY VERIFICATION OF ANY SKILLS FOR ANYBODY  
15   FOR ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR FOR OVER 20 YEARS. IT WOULD BE VERY  
16   EXPENSIVE, SUPERVISOR, FOR US TO SET UP SUCH A PROGRAM TO DO  
17   THAT. AND THE OTHER HARM IS THAT IT IMPLIES TO THE PUBLIC THAT  
18   WE DO HAVE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL INSPECTORS IN THE  
19   ELECTRICAL CODE AND WE, IN FACT, DO NOT HAVE ANY IN THE  
20   BUILDING...

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO PEOPLE HIRE THIS SPECIAL INSPECTOR  
23   BECAUSE THEY ARE FOOLED INTO BELIEVING THAT HE IS SOMETHING  
24   THAT HE-- OR THAT HE PROVIDES A SERVICE THAT HE DOES NOT OR  
25   THAT IS UNNECESSARY?



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**DON WOLFE:** A LOT OF TIMES, COMPANIES WILL HIRE INDIVIDUALS  
THAT ARE SKILLED AND THE SKILL IS USUALLY THAT THEY'RE A  
LICENSED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR OF EXPERIENCE OR THEY HAVE A--  
THEY'RE A LICENSED ELECTRICAL ENGINEER TO DO INSPECTIONS FAR  
ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT WE DO. AND, YES, THE LICENSE WOULD GIVE  
A PERSON AN ADVANTAGE SAYING THAT, "I'VE BEEN CERTIFIED OR  
I'VE BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO THE COUNTY ELECTRICAL OFFICIAL THAT  
I HAVE EXPERTISE ABOVE AND BEYOND MY COMPETITION." WE DO HAVE  
CONCERNS ABOUT THAT, SUPERVISOR.

11

**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE INSTANCES WHERE THAT'S OCCURRED?

13

**DON WOLFE:** I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT  
THAT AND PROBABLY, SINCE WE'RE INVOLVED IN LITIGATION RIGHT  
NOW, WE SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSING IT IN PUBLIC, SUPERVISOR.

17

**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. COULD YOU STIPULATE ON  
THE CERTIFICATION THAT THOSE RECEIVING THIS HAVE NOT-- HAVE  
NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN IN-SERVICE TRAINING OR ADDITIONAL  
PROFICIENCIES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED? SOMEHOW, YOU KNOW, A  
BROILER PLATE? THIS PERSON HAS NOT-- BY THIS CERTIFICATE, IT  
DOES NOT GIVE THAT INDIVIDUAL THE POWER TO DO WHATEVER?

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1   **DON WOLFE:** WELL, IF I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION, WE WOULD NOT BE  
2   AWARE RIGHT NOW OF THIS GENTLEMAN'S SKILLS BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T  
3   ADMINISTERED A TEST OR CHECKED...

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NOT THIS GENTLEMAN. JUST HAVE THAT SO  
6   ANYBODY WHO RECEIVES THAT CERTIFICATE OF LICENSE, THAT IT  
7   WOULD SO STATE THAT THEY ARE NOT YEARLY TESTED, ET CETERA, ET  
8   CETERA.

9

10   **DON WOLFE:** RIGHT, BECAUSE THE BUILDING CODE REQUIRES US TO DO  
11   THAT.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN, SECONDLY, WOULD IT BE IN THE  
14   COUNTY'S INTEREST TO ESTABLISH SUCH A LICENSE THAT IS SELF-  
15   SUPPORTING, SUPPORTED ONLY BY THE FEE OF THE APPLICANT?

16

17   **DON WOLFE:** NO, SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE IT WOULD AGAIN NO BENEFIT  
18   TO THE COUNTY OR TO THE PUBLIC SINCE WE DON'T REQUIRE THESE  
19   TYPE OF INSPECTIONS UNDER THE ELECTRICAL CODE AND TO JUST  
20   ISSUE A CERTIFICATE WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, IN THIS CASE OVER  
21   THE YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN BECAUSE THERE WAS ONE INDIVIDUAL,  
22   WITHOUT DOING MONITORING OF SKILLS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION AS  
23   WE DO WITH ALL THE OTHER SPECIAL INSPECTORS, IT IS NOT IN THE  
24   PUBLIC INTEREST.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANYTHING ELSE?

2

3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ONE QUESTION THAT MR. ANTONOVICH ASKED--  
4    OR THAT I ASKED, THEY WANT AN ANSWER IN CLOSED SESSION AND I  
5    WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE DO THAT.

6

7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. HOW DO YOU WISH TO PROCEED? DO  
8    YOU WANT TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION NOW AND COME BACK OUT OR  
9    JUST WAIT UNTIL THE END?

10

11    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET'S WAIT UNTIL THE END.

12

13    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

14

15    **HARRY LEVIN:** MAY I RESPOND?

16

17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO RESPOND.

18

19    **HARRY LEVIN:** OKAY. AS TO THE REAL PURPOSE OF SPECIAL  
20    INSPECTORS, THE REAL PURPOSE IS THAT, MANY TIMES, OWNERS,  
21    PARTICULARLY INDUSTRY, ARE DESIROUS OF HAVING SPECIAL  
22    INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT AND IT IS FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT, FOR  
23    THEIR OWN SAFETY, IN THEIR PLANTS AND MANY TIMES FOR THEIR OWN  
24    INSURANCE IMPLICATIONS. THEY CAN REDUCE THEIR INSURANCE  
25    PREMIUMS BY SHOWING THAT THEY HAVE HAD THE SPECIAL INSPECTION





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1 AND PROVIDE A REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR. THERE IS A  
2 PROVISION IN THE CODE THAT THE CHIEF ELECTRICAL-- THE CHIEF  
3 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR OR THE BUILDING OFFICIAL CAN REQUIRE A  
4 SPECIAL INSPECTION. YES, THAT'S TRUE AND THAT APPLIES IN CASES  
5 WHERE THERE ARE SPECIAL HAZARDS OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE  
6 SYSTEM DOESN'T WORK THE OTHER WAY. AT THE MOMENT, THE SYSTEM  
7 WORKS IN SUCH A WAY THAT AN OWNER CAN ASK FOR A SPECIAL  
8 INSPECTION BUT THE CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL CANNOT REFUSE OR  
9 FRUSTRATE A SPECIAL INSPECTION BECAUSE IT'S IN THE INTEREST OF  
10 AN OWNER AND HE PAYS FOR IT. NOW, I HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT  
11 SPECIAL INSPECTIONS, AS A MATTER OF FACT, FOR OVER 20 YEARS.  
12 IT MAY NOT HAVE COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BUILDING  
13 DEPARTMENT IN THAT FRAMEWORK BECAUSE I'VE BEEN SUBMITTING  
14 REPORTS, I THINK WE ARE UP TO 1,560 REPORTS NOW THAT WE HAVE  
15 SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY, ON VARIOUS INSPECTIONS. SOME OF THOSE  
16 WERE SPECIAL IN NATURE, SOME OF THOSE WERE INSPECTION OF  
17 EQUIPMENT AND SOME OF THOSE WERE COMBINATIONS OF THE TWO. AND,  
18 AS A MATTER OF FACT, VERY RECENTLY, I WAS CALLED AGAIN TO  
19 PERFORM A SPECIAL INSPECTION AND, AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M  
20 CURRENTLY PERFORMING A SPECIAL INSPECTION NOT FOR THIS COUNTY,  
21 BUT FOR THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO. SO I AM CURRENTLY IN  
22 PRACTICE AND I AM NOT A PERSON LIKE YOU KINDLY CALLED ME LAST  
23 WEEK, IN HIS GOLDEN YEARS. I'M SOLIDLY IN BUSINESS. SO I HAVE  
24 ALSO BEEN ASKED TO ATTEND A CERTIFICATION EXAM APPROXIMATELY  
25 THREE YEARS AGO AND I RESPONDED IN WRITING. I SAID, "I'LL BE



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1 VERY HAPPY TO BE EXAMINED. TELL ME WHERE AND WHEN." THERE WAS  
2 NO EXAM SET UP BUT I'M BEING EXAMINED IN PRACTICE EVERY DAY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK YOU'VE ANSWERED THE  
5 QUESTION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU'RE NOT PREVENTED FROM DOING YOUR WORK  
8 NOW IF THE COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE THIS LICENSE THAT ONLY YOU HAVE?

9

10 **HARRY LEVIN:** YES, I WOULD BE, SIR.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU WOULD BE?

13

14 **HARRY LEVIN:** YES, I WOULD BE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY WOULD YOU BE WHEN THERE ARE OTHER  
17 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS WHO WOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO DOING IT  
18 NOW?

19

20 **HARRY LEVIN:** I'M NOT AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, SIR. I'M THE  
21 OWNER OF A TEST LAB ACCREDITED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
22 THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR'S LICENSE WAS IN ADDITION TO THAT AND,  
23 VERY RECENTLY, I NEEDED IT AND THAT WAS BECAUSE THE  
24 INSTALLATION CONCERN EXTENDED WAY BEYOND JUST THE MACHINERY.

25



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAS THE LAB CREATED AT THE REQUEST OF THE  
2    COUNTY AND THEREBY YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE THAT HAD THIS LAB?

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4    **HARRY LEVIN:** NO.

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE ARE OTHER LABS?

7

8    **HARRY LEVIN:** THERE ARE OTHER LABS.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DO THEY OPERATE TODAY?

11

12   **HARRY LEVIN:** YES, SIR, THEY DO.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW ARE THEY ABLE TO OPERATE WITHOUT THE  
15   CERTIFICATE THAT YOU HAVE AND WHY WOULD YOU BE ABLE NOT TO  
16   OPERATE IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE THIS CERTIFICATE?

17

18   **HARRY LEVIN:** I CAN OPERATE MY LAB, SIR, AND I CAN CERTIFY  
19   ELECTRICAL MACHINERY BUT WHENEVER ELECTRICAL MACHINERY EXTENDS  
20   FROM ONE BUILDING TO ANOTHER TO ANOTHER, LIKE, FOR INSTANCE,  
21   IN A CHEMICAL PLANT OR IN A REFINERY OR IN ANY INSTALLATION  
22   WHERE THERE IS A MULTITUDE OF EQUIPMENT INTERCONNECTED, GOING  
23   THROUGH WALLS FROM ROOM TO ROOM, THERE THE COUNTY ATTEMPTED  
24   TO-- THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT ATTEMPTED TO PUT A STOP TO ME  
25   SAYING, "HEY, YOU CAN'T GO BEYOND THIS BORDER, THIS IS OUR



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1 TERRITORY," AND THAT IS RIDICULOUS BECAUSE IT IS  
2 INTERCONNECTED AND I CANNOT, IN GOOD CONSCIENCE, ISSUE A  
3 CERTIFICATION.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE OTHER LABS ALSO CAN'T DO THAT, IS  
6 THAT CORRECT?

7

8 **HARRY LEVIN:** THEY CANNOT. AND THAT'S WHY I ADVOCATED THAT  
9 THERE SHOULD BE A MULTITUDE OF SPECIAL INSPECTORS, NOT JUST  
10 MYSELF. SPECIAL INSPECTORS ARE A BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY. THEY  
11 ARE NOT AN IMPEDIMENT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** MAY I JUST CLARIFY THAT BECAUSE BASICALLY MR.  
14 ANTONOVICH ASKED THE QUESTIONS THAT I HAD. WE KNOW WE ALWAYS  
15 HAVE INSPECTORS WHO CAN BE DEMANDED ON A PROJECT AND THERE ARE  
16 MANY, MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS WHO PROVIDE  
17 THOSE. BUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT YOU HAVE TO ALSO HAVE A  
18 LAB. LET ME ASK THIS. DO YOU PROHIBIT EVERYONE ELSE FROM  
19 GIVING THESE INSPECTIONS AND DOING THE TESTING IN THEIR LABS  
20 EXCEPT FOR THIS GENTLEMAN?

21

22 **DON WOLFE:** NO, SUPERVISOR. DON WOLFE AGAIN. THERE'S TWO  
23 DIFFERENT SITUATIONS. THERE'S TESTING LAB IS A DIFFERENT STORY  
24 AND, AS FAR AS I KNOW, HIS TESTING LAB DOES A FINE JOB AND  
25 THEY DO SUBMIT A LOT OF REPORTS TO US. THE ISSUE OF A SPECIAL



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1 INSPECTOR IS DIFFERENT. YOU CAN HIRE-- A COMPANY CAN HIRE ANY  
2 INDIVIDUAL WHO DEMONSTRATES EXPERTISE TO THEM BY HAVING AN  
3 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' LICENSE OR BEING A LICENSED ELECTRICAL  
4 ENGINEER TO DO THE TYPE OF INSPECTIONS THAT HE IS TALKING  
5 ABOUT. OBVIOUSLY, HE'S ONE GENTLEMAN IN A POPULATION OF 10  
6 MILLION PEOPLE AND, WITH THOUSANDS OF JOBS GOING ON ALL AT THE  
7 SAME TIME AND THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE DOING WHAT  
8 HIS IS REFERRING TO AS SPECIAL INSPECTIONS FOR THE BUILDERS,  
9 OKAY? BUT HE CAN-- ANYBODY THAT'S DOING THOSE TYPE OF  
10 INSPECTIONS CANNOT INFRINGE UPON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE  
11 ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS AND THAT WAS THE KIND OF ISSUE THAT HE  
12 WAS REFERRING TO. WE HAVE NOT DELEGATED OUR AUTHORITY TO THIS  
13 GENTLEMAN OR ANYBODY ELSE TO MAKE ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS  
14 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND EVEN IN THE FACT WHERE WE REQUIRE,  
15 BY LAW, A PERSON TO HIRE A SPECIAL INSPECTOR AND, BY THE WAY,  
16 THAT SPECIAL INSPECTOR IS REQUIRED TO GIVE THE BUILDING  
17 OFFICIAL OR THE CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR A REPORT AT THE END  
18 OF THE JOB AND WE'VE LOOKED AT OUR RECORDS AND HAVE NO RECORDS  
19 OF HAVING RECEIVED IN THE PAST 20 YEARS OR SO ANY REPORTS, NOT  
20 FROM YOUR LAB, SIR, BUT AS A SPECIAL INSPECTOR. BECAUSE, FOR  
21 ONE THING, WE HAVEN'T REQUIRED A SPECIAL INSPECTOR ON ANY JOB  
22 IN THE LAST 20 YEARS. SO THERE WOULD BE NO REASON FOR A  
23 REPORT.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL HOLD THAT ITEM.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST ONE LAST QUESTION IN PUBLIC SESSION.

5 I'M STILL HAVING TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE HARM IS. IS

6 THE HARM SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DISCUSS IN CLOSED SESSION?

7

8 **DON WOLFE:** NO, SUPERVISOR. THE HARM IS THAT IT IMPLIES THAT WE  
9 HAVE TAKEN SOME EFFORT TO VERIFY AND BASICALLY IT SAYS THAT  
10 THE PERSON CARRYING THE CARD, OKAY, IN THIS CASE, FOR  
11 ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS, IS FOR-- WOULD IMPLY FOR ALL TYPES OF  
12 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS. IF YOU LOOK AT OUR PROGRAM, WE BREAK  
13 DOWN OUR SPECIAL INSPECTOR PROGRAM INTO SPECIFIC TYPES OF WORK  
14 AND WE MAKE SURE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL FOR THAT SPECIFIC TYPE OF  
15 WORK HAS THAT SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE. IT'S NOT AN EASY THING TO  
16 DO. IT'S AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM. WE SPEND A LOT OF MONEY ON IT.  
17 BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF  
18 SPECIAL INSPECTORS THAT ARE OUT SERVING THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND  
19 ALL OF THE CITIES, EXCEPT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, SUPERVISOR,  
20 DEPEND ON US. AND, WHEN SOMEBODY SHOWS UP WITH A CARD THAT  
21 SAYS LOS ANGELES COUNTY SPECIAL INSPECTOR, THAT MEANS  
22 SOMETHING TO THE CITIES. THAT VERIFIES TO THESE CITIES THAT  
23 USE THAT SERVICE THAT WE HAVE GONE AND VERIFIED THAT THE  
24 PERSON IS QUALIFIED. IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR US FOR ONE  
25 INDIVIDUAL WHERE WE DON'T REQUIRE SPECIAL INSPECTIONS TO SET





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1 UP THAT KIND OF A PROGRAM. IT WOULD BE VERY, VERY COSTLY AND  
2 IT WOULD BE OF NO BENEFIT TO THE DEPARTMENT. IT'S NOT THAT  
3 WE...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN ISSUING THIS CARD?  
6 FOR 20 YEARS? LONG TIME?

7

8 **DON WOLFE:** FOR OVER 20 YEARS, YES.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND FOR ALL THESE YEARS WE'VE BEEN ISSUING  
11 THIS CARD AND NOT BEEN BACKING IT UP WITH A QUALIFICATION  
12 PROCESS?

13

14 **DON WOLFE:** IN THIS ONE CASES, WE'VE LOOKED INTO IT AND IT WAS  
15 A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL AND THE...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU CHARGE FOR THE CARD?

18

19 **DON WOLFE:** WE CHARGE \$65 EVERY TWO YEARS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AREN'T YOU ENTITLED TO CHARGE FOR THE COSTS  
22 OF CERTIFYING THE APPLICANTS?

23

24 **DON WOLFE:** BUT THAT WOULD BE A-- YES, WE ARE, BUT FOR ONE  
25 INDIVIDUAL, WE DON'T SPREAD IT OVER HUNDREDS, IT WOULD BE...



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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MUCH PORE PROGRAM?

3

4 **DON WOLFE:** IT WOULD BE THOUSANDS, SUPERVISOR. IT WOULD BE A  
5 HUGE WORKLOAD FOR US TO DEVELOP AN EXAM AND BECAUSE-- AND IT'S  
6 FOR GENERAL SO IT WOULD BE THE ENTIRE ELECTRICAL CODE. IT  
7 WOULD BE MUCH EASIER, IF YOU'RE JUST DOING IT FOR WELDING,  
8 YOUR DOING IT FOR WELDING. IF YOU'RE DOING IT FOR PRE-STRESS,  
9 YOU DO IT FOR PRE-STRESS. BUT HERE WE'RE TALKING THE ENTIRE  
10 ELECTRICAL CODE. IT WOULD BE A MONSTROUS THING FOR US TO DO  
11 AND OF NO BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC OR TO THE COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO'S DOING IT NOW? YOU ARE ISSUING THE  
14 PERMITS NOW OR THE CERTIFICATION? SO WHO DOES IT NOW?

15

16 **DON WOLFE:** WELL, WHEN WE FIRST ISSUED HIM HIS CERTIFICATE FOR  
17 THE JOB THAT WE WANTED HIM TO DO, HE WAS VERIFIED THAT HE  
18 COULD DO IT, OKAY? AND FRANKLY, AND I'M EMBARRASSED TO SAY SO,  
19 BUT, OVER THE YEARS, HE'S BEEN SUBMITTING HIS APPLICATION AND  
20 THE CLERICAL STAFF LOOKED AT IT AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO  
21 WITH IT, SO THEY'VE RENEWED IT. OKAY? BUT THINKING THAT THERE  
22 WAS NO HARM SINCE WE WEREN'T REQUIRING HIM TO DO INSPECTIONS.

23



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT DID NOT PRECLUDE ANYBODY ELSE FROM  
2   TAKING-- FROM APPLYING AND PAYING THE \$50 COST TO PROCESS THAT  
3   REQUEST, RIGHT?

4

5   **DON WOLFE:** NO, IT DIDN'T PRECLUDE ANYBODY ELSE.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO, IF SOMEBODY ELSE WAS GOING TO DO THAT,  
8   THEY COULD PAY THEIR 50-DOLLAR FEE OR HUNDRED-DOLLAR FEE,  
9   WHATEVER IT COSTS TO PROCESS THAT CERTIFICATE.

10

11   **DON WOLFE:** HOPEFULLY, A NEW CERTIFICATE WOULD HAVE RAISED AN  
12   EYEBROW AND CAUSED SOMEBODY TO VOICE CONCERN BUT, SINCE IT WAS  
13   A RENEWAL, SUPERVISOR, IT DIDN'T AND I, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO  
14   ADMIT THAT IT WAS AN ERROR ON OUR PART. HAS BEEN AN ERROR ON  
15   OUR PART ONGOING.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T SEE THE-- IF PEOPLE WANT TO DO THAT,  
18   TO GET THAT TYPE OF A CERTIFICATE AND THEY'RE PAYING FOR IT  
19   AND YOU HAVE A BROILER PLATE STATEMENT ON THERE THAT, YOU  
20   KNOW, THIS DOES NOT MEAN...

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT THEY'RE NOT PAYING THE FULL AMOUNT,  
23   MICHAEL.

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, HAVE THEM PAY FOR THE FULL AMOUNT. I  
2    DON'T KNOW WHAT...

3

4    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT IT WOULD BE PROBABLY THOUSANDS AND  
5    THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T KNOW.

8

9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHAT HE SAID. THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

10

11    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU SAID THAT JUST ONE PERSON BUT, YOU KNOW,  
12    PERHAPS WHEN WE DISCUSS THE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS, WE'LL...

13

14    **DON WOLFE:** YEAH, BUT IT WOULD BE DOING A LICENSE FOR WE'RE NOT  
15    GOING TO REQUIRE OWNERS TO UTILIZE THESE SERVICES.

16

17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, LET ME ASK-- CAN I ASK MR. LEVIN A  
18    QUESTION? THE WAY I UNDERSTAND THIS, FROM OUR DIRECTOR, IS--  
19    LET ME STATE IT AND TELL ME IF I'M CORRECT OR INCORRECT IN MY  
20    INTERPRETATION OF WHAT YOU SAID, THAT HE IS NOT QUALIFIED TO  
21    DO WHAT THE CARD PURPORTS THAT HE'S DOING?

22

23    **DON WOLFE:** WE HAVE NOT VERIFIED HIS QUALIFICATIONS.

24

25    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY HAVEN'T BEEN VERIFIED.



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1

2 **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S CORRECT.

3

4 **HARRY LEVIN:** WHAT WAS YOUR QUESTION?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES IT BOTHER YOU THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN  
7 VERIFIED AS TO YOUR QUALIFICATIONS IN OVER 20 YEARS?

8

9 **HARRY LEVIN:** THE IMPLICATIONS OF IT BOTHER ME VERY MUCH  
10 BECAUSE...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, FORGET THE IMPLICATIONS...

13

14 **HARRY LEVIN:** ...FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS, FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS,  
15 I'VE BEEN INSPECTING EQUIPMENT AND I HAVE, IN FACT, BEEN  
16 CARRYING OUT WHAT IS NOW TERMED A SPECIAL INSPECTION AND I  
17 HAVE BEEN SUBMITTING REPORTS AND I HAVE ACCUMULATED A GOLDEN  
18 REPUTATION AND I'VE NEVER BEEN QUESTIONED BY THE COUNTY ON ANY  
19 ONE OF MY REPORTS. IT-- YES, IT BOTHERS ME VERY MUCH THAT NOW  
20 MY QUALIFICATIONS SHOULD BE CALLED INTO QUESTION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ALL OF YOUR INSPECTIONS HAVE NEVER HAD  
23 ANY PROBLEMS?

24

25 **HARRY LEVIN:** NO, SIR.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'VE NOT AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, YOU  
3 TOLD US THAT. WHAT ARE YOU?

4

5 **HARRY LEVIN:** I'M A REGISTERED CONTROL SYSTEM ENGINEER. CONTROL  
6 SYSTEMS ARE A CLASSIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING IN  
7 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND I'VE BEEN RUNNING MY TEST LAB FOR  
8 THE LAST 22 YEARS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I ORIGINATED THIS  
9 CONCEPT IN COOPERATION MR. GALOFCO, WHO WAS CHIEF ELECTRICAL  
10 INSPECTOR AT THAT TIME. I HELPED HIM GENERATE A COUNTY  
11 GUIDELINE FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF REPORTS AND METHOD OF OPERATION  
12 OF TEST LABS AND IT'S, I BELIEVE, STILL IN FORCE AND I AM  
13 CURRENTLY IN BUSINESS AND I AM WORKING EVERY DAY IN THIS  
14 FIELD.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. LEVIN, HOW MUCH DO YOU CHARGE YOUR  
17 CLIENTS AS A CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR?

18

19 **HARRY LEVIN:** I CHARGE THEM A 100 DOLLARS AN HOUR FOR ANY KIND  
20 OF INSPECTION.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT, AS A CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR?

23

24 **HARRY LEVIN:** I DON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENTIATION. TO GIVE YOU AN  
25 EXAMPLE...





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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WAIT. JUST A SECOND. YOU WANT TO BE A  
3 CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR AND YET THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE,  
4 YOU SAID? PEOPLE DON'T HIRE YOU AS THAT?

5

6 **HARRY LEVIN:** PEOPLE COME TO ME AND ASK TO SOLVE PROBLEMS. THE  
7 PROBLEM MAY BE THAT THEY-- LIKE, FOR INSTANCE, IN THE CASE OF  
8 IN SAN FERNANDO...

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW BUT I'M ASKING A SPECIFIC QUESTION.

11

12 **HARRY LEVIN:** ...VERY RECENTLY, THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND BUT, SIR, DO THEY HIRE YOU  
15 BECAUSE YOU ARE A "CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR"?

16

17 **HARRY LEVIN:** YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THEY DO?

20

21 **HARRY LEVIN:** IN PART, TOO.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET'S JUST TALK ABOUT THE \$100. ARE YOU  
24 HIRED AT \$100 AN HOUR AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC-- A CERTIFIED...

25



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1   **HARRY LEVIN:** VERY FREQUENTLY, YES.

2

3   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU ARE?

4

5   **HARRY LEVIN:** YES.

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO YOU CHARGE FOR THOSE SERVICES AS A  
8   CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR?

9

10   **HARRY LEVIN:** YES, MA'AM.

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND YET YOU ARE NOT VERIFIED OR CERTIFIED  
13   IN A SENSE THROUGH A PROCESS WITH THE COUNTY THAT CAN VERIFY  
14   YOUR CERTIFICATION, IS THAT CORRECT?

15

16   **HARRY LEVIN:** THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME WAS  
17   GIVEN TO ME BECAUSE MR. GALOFCO RECOGNIZED THAT I HAD THOSE  
18   SKILLS.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND BUT, SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE  
21   CONCLUDED THAT THEY HAVE NOT CERTIFIED YOUR ELECTRICAL  
22   INSPECTOR CAPABILITIES AND YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON. SO, IN  
23   ORDER TO DO SO, THEY WOULD HAVE TO CHARGE-- THEY WOULD HAVE TO  
24   CREATE A WHOLE PROCESS, CREATE A TEST, CREATE AN EVALUATION  
25   MODEL THAT COULD COST THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.



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2 **HARRY LEVIN:** THERE ARE TESTS AVAILABLE. THERE'S AN ASSOCIATION  
3 CALLED THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS  
4 AND THAT ASSOCIATION ISSUES CERTIFICATES TO ITS MEMBERS. THEY  
5 TEST THEM AND ISSUE CERTIFICATES.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. NO, SO YOU-- BUT WHY DO YOU  
8 WANT US TO CERTIFY? IF YOU WERE CERTIFIED BY SOMEBODY ELSE,  
9 WON'T CAN'T YOU JUST GO THERE? WHY DO YOU NEED THE COUNTY'S  
10 CERTIFICATION?

11

12 **HARRY LEVIN:** THE COUNTY COULD UTILIZES THIS PROCESS TO ADOPT  
13 IT AS A CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BUT, SIR, WE COULD UTILIZE, YOU  
16 KNOW, LIBRARY CARDS FROM RUSSIA BUT WE DON'T DO THAT EITHER.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAIT A MINUTE!

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE ISSUE OUR OWN...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE GETTING PERSONAL.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ...FROM MEXICO. BUT WE ISSUE OUR OWN  
25 INSTEAD AND WE HAVE A PROCESS FOR THAT.



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1

2 **HARRY LEVIN:** WELL, I WOULD NOT BE AVERSE TO BE EXAMINED BY...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND BUT WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO  
5 PAY THE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THAT IT WOULD TAKE TO UNDERTAKE A  
6 PROCESS TO CREATE AN EXAMINATION AND AN EVALUATION PROCESS IN  
7 ORDER TO CREATE THIS CERTIFICATION FOR YOURSELF?

8

9 **HARRY LEVIN:** THAT DEPENDS ON HOW MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.  
10 THERE'S A LIMIT. I WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO PAY ONE OR TWO  
11 OR \$3,000 BUT, IF IT GOES INTO TENS OF THOUSANDS, I WOULD NOT  
12 BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, WE DON'T KNOW THAT AS  
15 YET. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL-- ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT? ALL  
16 RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO INTO  
17 CLOSED SESSION ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE ONE LAST ITEM. ITEM 11. I'M SORRY. I WOULD  
20 HAVE CALLED IT EARLIER.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND THEN WE HAVE SOME SET ITEMS  
23 THAT WE HAVE TO DO. ITEM 11. DO WE HAVE A REPORT? DO YOU NEED  
24 A REPORT OR NOT, MS. BURKE?

25



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1    **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK WE DO NEED A REPORT. DO WE NEED A REPORT?

2    ACTUALLY, THIS IS MR. KNABE'S ITEM BUT...

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4    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. KNABE, WOULD YOU LIKE A REPORT ON THIS  
5    ITEM?

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7    **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, WE CAN HAVE A REPORT. STAN? STAN?

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9    **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, DO YOU WANT ME  
10   TO GIVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW?

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12   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF YOU WOULD.

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14   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** OKAY. BE HAPPY TO. WE SOLICITED PROPOSALS FOR  
15   THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DRY BOAT STORAGE FACILITY ON PARCELS 52  
16   AND G.G. BOTH BOTH PARCELS ARE OWNED BY THE COUNTY. WE HAD  
17   PREVIOUSLY GONE THROUGH AN R.F.P. SOLICITATION PROCESS AND  
18   YOUR BOARD INSTRUCTED US TO GO BACK OUT TO THE ORIGINAL THREE  
19   PROPOSERS WITH A CLARIFICATION REGARDING PARKING RATIOS. WE  
20   HAVE DONE THAT AND WE ARE BACK BEFORE YOU RECOMMENDING THAT  
21   PACIFIC-- THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS  
22   WITH PACIFIC. THE EVALUATION PANEL HAS MADE THEIR  
23   RECOMMENDATION. PACIFIC WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL PROPOSERS,  
24   ALSO KNOWN AS ALMAR. THE BOAT YARD IS IN SECOND PLACE AND WILL  
25   BE REPRESENTED TODAY I BELIEVE BY GREG SCHEM. THEY HAVE THE



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1 LEASEHOLD, IT'S CALLED THE BOAT YARD, NEXT DOOR TO THEM. THE  
2 PROPOSAL BY ALMAR IS TO BUILD A 345-SPACE DRY STACK STORAGE  
3 FACILITY. THEY'LL HAVE 30 MASSED UP SPACES, THEY'LL HAVE  
4 TRAILER STORAGE SPACES OF 24. THERE ARE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER  
5 OF BENEFITS TO THEIR PROPOSAL OVER THE NUMBER TWO PROPOSER.  
6 REVENUE WAS ABOUT EQUAL TO THE COUNTY FROM BOTH PROPOSERS. ONE  
7 OF THE SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THIS PROPOSAL IS THAT IT DOES  
8 HAVE AN EXTENSION OVER THE WATER. I KNOW THAT HAS PROVEN, IN  
9 THE PAST, TO BE SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIAL. FROM ALMAR'S ORIGINAL  
10 PROPOSAL, THEY HAVE BROUGHT BACK THE AMOUNT-- THEY HAVE  
11 DECREASED THE AMOUNT OF COVERAGE OVER THE WATER. THEY ARE NOW  
12 GOING TO HAVE TWO BUILDINGS APPROXIMATELY 70 FEET TALL  
13 EXTENDING 105 FEET AND 45 FEET OVER THE WATER. IT WAS  
14 SUBSTANTIALLY MORE IN THE PAST. ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF GOING  
15 OVER THE WATER IS THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO CREATE A VERY  
16 SIGNIFICANT VIEW SHED FROM THE STREET. ALMAR'S PROPOSAL WILL  
17 HAVE 203 FEET OF OPEN SPACE OR VIEW SHED FROM THE HIGHWAY FROM  
18 FIJI WAY, AND THAT'S OVER TWO PARCELS. THE SECOND PLACE  
19 PROPOSER WOULD HAVE ONLY 113 FEET OVER THREE PARCELS BECAUSE  
20 HIS DEVELOPMENT IS THE TWO COUNTY PARCELS AND HE IS ADJACENT  
21 TO IT. WITH THAT, I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT  
22 THERE MAY BE.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT? WE HAVE SOME  
25 PEOPLE THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. HOW FAR IS IT GOING TO  
3 EXTEND OVER THE WATER?

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5 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** ONE BUILDING WILL BE 105 FEET AND ANOTHER  
6 BUILDING WILL BE 45 FEET.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY?

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10 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** 45.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 45 FEET?

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14 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** 105 AND 45.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S A REDUCTION FROM THE LAST...

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18 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** VERY SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IS THIS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE'VE BUILT A  
21 BUILDING OVER THE WATER TO THAT DEGREE?

22

23 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** TO THAT DEGREE, YES.

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHY CAN'T THEY CONSTRUCT A PROJECT THAT  
2    DOESN'T EXTEND OVER THE WATER?

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4    **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THEY ARE UTILIZING A CRANE TECHNOLOGY WHICH  
5    REQUIRES THE FACILITY TO BE SOMEWHAT OVER THE WATER SO THAT  
6    THEY CAN CRANE BOATS DIRECTLY FROM THE DRY STORAGE INTO THE  
7    WATER. THE OTHER ADVANTAGE OF BEING OVER THE WATER IS THAT IT  
8    OPENS UP A LOT OF VIEW SHED. THE NUMBER TWO PROPOSAL, FOR  
9    EXAMPLE, WAS A RELATIVELY A BLOCK BUILDING WHICH DIDN'T  
10   PROVIDE MUCH IN THE WAY OF VIEW SHEDS. SO IF YOU GO OUT OVER  
11   THE WATER, YOU GET NOT ONLY NEW TECHNOLOGY, WHICH IS THE CRANE  
12   SYSTEM, BUT YOU ALSO GET THE VIEW SHED.

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH TALLER IS THE ALMAR BUILDING THAN  
15   WHAT WAS PROPOSED BY THE OTHER TWO BIDDERS?

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17   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** I BELIEVE THE NUMBER TWO WAS 52 FEET TALL.  
18   THIS ONE THAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING IS 70 FEET TALL.

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20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT'S THE IMPACT ON THE VIEWS?

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22   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** RATHER SIGNIFICANT. THE ALMAR PROPOSAL THAT  
23   WE'RE RECOMMENDING OVER JUST THE TWO PARCELS THAT THEY'RE  
24   BUILDING ON HAS 203 LINEAR FEET OF SPACE THAT YOU CAN SEE



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1 THROUGH TO THE WATER, WHEREAS THE NUMBER TWO PROPOSER HAS ONLY  
2 113 FEET AND THAT'S OVER THREE PARCELS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEN THERE IS-- IT DOES IMPACT...

5

6 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** TREMENDOUS.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ADJOINING SLIPS LOOK ACROSS THE WATER AT  
9 THE SIDE OF A MASSIVE WALL. WOULD IT NOT MAKE THESE SLIPS LESS  
10 ATTRACTIVE TO BOAT OWNERS?

11

12 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THEY HAVE 15 35' SLIPS AND 40' SLIP THAT IS  
13 APPROXIMATELY 70 FEET FROM THE SITE OF THE BUILDING THAT WILL  
14 BE OVER THE WATER. THERE ARE WAITING LISTS IN MARINA DEL REY  
15 FOR 35 AND 40-FOOT SLIPS. THERE WAS A SUN-SHADING ANALYSIS  
16 THAT WAS DONE BY ALMAR AND IT SHOWS THAT THERE IS NO SHADOWING  
17 OF THE SLIPS BY THIS STRUCTURE BECAUSE IT IS 70 FEET AWAY FROM  
18 THE BOAT SLIPS. SO I THINK THE IMPACT WOULD BE DE MINIMUS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID EITHER OF THE OTHER TWO BIDDERS SUBMIT A  
21 BID FOR A PROJECT THAT EXTENDS OUT OVER THE WATER?

22

23 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** NO.

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN THE SMALL CRAFT COMMISSION CONSIDERED  
2    THE PROJECT, HOW MANY TESTIFIED IN OPPOSITION?

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4    **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** I BELIEVE-- THERE WERE A NUMBER OF TENANTS.  
5    I, UNFORTUNATELY, WASN'T THERE, BUT I RECALL THAT TENANTS OF  
6    MR. SCHEM, THE NUMBER 2 PROPOSAL, DID SHOW UP. UNFORTUNATELY,  
7    THEY WERE THINKING THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL  
8    THAT ALMAR HAD SUBMITTED SO THEY WERE SOMEWHAT, I THINK,  
9    MISDIRECTED, MISINFORMED. MR. SCHEM SPOKE DID SPEAK  
10    AGGRESSIVELY AGAINST IT. AND THE COMMISSION WAS UNABLE TO  
11    REACH A CONSENSUS ON THIS. WE HAD A MOTION THAT WAS BROUGHT IN  
12    TO RECOMMEND IT TO THE BOARD AND IT FAILED FOR A SECOND, LACK  
13    OF A SECOND.

14

15    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE LARGE BUILDING BEING PROPOSED BLOCK  
16    WIND FROM WITHIN THE MARINA?

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18    **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** ANY BLOCKAGE WOULD BE TO THE EAST, WHICH IS  
19    WHERE THE LAUNCH RAMP IS AND IT WOULD NOT BE A SIGNIFICANT  
20    IMPAIRMENT. I DON'T KNOW THAT IT WOULD BE ANY IMPAIRMENT AT  
21    ALL TO BOATING ACTIVITIES, ALTHOUGH EVERY DEVELOPMENT IN  
22    MARINA DEL REY THAT IS CONSIDERED HAS TO GO THROUGH A WIND  
23    STUDY ANALYSIS THROUGH OUR CONTRACTOR. SO REGIONAL PLANNING  
24    DIRECTOR WOULD HAVE TO BE SATISFIED THAT THERE WAS VIRTUALLY  
25    NO IMPACT ON BOATING OR ELSE IT COULDN'T BE BUILT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE CONCERN IS THAT YOU'RE BUILDING A MASSIVE  
3 STRUCTURE OUT OVER THE WATER INTO A CHANNEL IN THE MARINA AND  
4 THIS CONSTRUCTION OF A SEVEN-STORY BUILDING OVER THE WATER  
5 SETS A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE WATERS OF  
6 THE MARINA. AND THAT'S THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE, THAT IT  
7 ESTABLISHES A PRECEDENT AND WE OUGHT TO KEEP THE VIEW AND THE  
8 MARINA OPEN TO SUCH HIGH RISE STRUCTURES AND IT DOES HAVE AN  
9 IMPACT ON THE WIND AND THOSE SAILBOATS.

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11 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THE FACILITY IS VERY CLOSE TO THE LAUNCH RAMP  
12 AND EAST OF THIS BUILDING IS WHERE THE LAUNCH RAMP IS. NO ONE  
13 DOES SAILING IN THAT AREA. SO I DON'T BELIEVE THAT BOATERS ARE  
14 GOING TO HAVE A CONCERN WITH THIS. BUT ONCE AGAIN, THE WIND  
15 STUDY ANALYSIS WILL INDICATE WHETHER THERE IS A PROBLEM. THE  
16 ISSUE OF A PRECEDENT, I THINK, IS-- WHILE I HEAR IT AS BEING A  
17 CONCERN, THIS BOARD ULTIMATELY HAS THE LAST SAY ON WHAT IS  
18 BUILT IN MARINA DEL REY. IF WE ARE TO ESTABLISH NEW PRECEDENT,  
19 I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER PROJECT FOR WHICH TO DO IT. THIS  
20 IS...

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT THE SECOND PRECEDENT AND THIRD AND  
23 FOURTH?

24



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1   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** WELL, THIS IS FOR THE BOATING COMMUNITY AND,  
2   FRANKLY, TO DELIVER A PROJECT THAT IS GOING TO HAVE THIS MANY  
3   NEW SPACES FOR BOATERS IN MARINA DEL REY IS A REAL WIN FOR OUR  
4   COUNTY. I THINK IT'S A REAL WIN FOR MY ADMINISTRATION IN THE  
5   DEPARTMENT BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN CRITICIZED THAT WE DO TOO MUCH  
6   APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT, TOO MUCH HOTEL DEVELOPMENT, NOT ENOUGH  
7   FOR THE BOATERS.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU HAD-- THE OTHER PROPOSALS THAT WERE  
10   COMPETITIVE BUT DID NOT BUILD OVER THE WATER THAT COULD HAVE  
11   ACCOMPLISHED YOUR OBJECTIVES?

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13   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THEY COULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THE OBJECTIVES.  
14   THEY WOULD HAVE FALLEN SHORT IN ONE SIGNIFICANT AREA AND THAT  
15   IS THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A GOOD VIEW OF THE WATER. WHEN YOU  
16   COME INTO MARINA DEL REY ON FIJI GOING WESTBOUND, YOU LOOK AT  
17   THE CORNER ACROSS THE LAUNCH RAMP. AND, IF ANY-- AS YOU'RE  
18   DRIVING WEST ON FIJI WAY. ANY OF THE TWO OTHER STRUCTURES  
19   WOULD BASICALLY BE A BLOCK BUILDING THAT WOULD COMPLETELY  
20   OBSCURE THE WATERFRONT, MOST OF THE WATERFRONT. THIS ONE HAS  
21   ALMOST TWICE THE VIEW SHED THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO ENCOUNTER.

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23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE'RE STILL BUILDING OUT OVER THE WATER  
24   AND IT SETS, I FEEL, A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.

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1   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** IT COULD IF YOU START ALLOWING RESTAURANTS  
2   AND THINGS, YEAH. I WOULDN'T BE IN FAVOR OF THAT, EITHER.

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THIS IS THE CAMEL'S NOSE UNDER THE TENT.

5

6   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** PERHAPS. NOT UNDER MY WATCH, HOWEVER, AT  
7   LEAST NOT IN MY RECOMMENDATION.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT ALL US AREN'T GOING TO BE HERE FOREVER.

10

11   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THAT'S TRUE.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN, HOPEFULLY, WE CAN BUY GREEN BANANAS  
14   TODAY BUT YOU NEVER KNOW.

15

16   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE GREG SCHEM WHO WOULD  
17   LIKE TO ADDRESS US, TOM HOGAN, JEFF PENCE AND SONIA RANSOM, IF  
18   THEY WOULD JOIN US.

19

20   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** SUPERVISORS, I'LL BE STANDING IN THE WINGS IN  
21   CASE OF ANY QUESTIONS.

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IN CASE THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS.  
24   IS MR. SCHEM HERE?

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1   **GREG SCHEM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE BOARD OF  
2   SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GREG SCHEM AND I'M THE LESSEE FOR  
3   PARCEL 53, WHICH IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE BOAT YARD, CONTIGUOUS TO  
4   THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. I'M HERE TODAY TO OBJECT TO THE ALMAR  
5   DRY STACK PROPOSALS RECOMMENDATION. I BELIEVE I SPEAK FOR MANY  
6   IN THE BOATING COMMUNITY WHO HAD ALSO VOICED THEIR DISAPPROVAL  
7   AT THE MOST RECENT SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING. AND  
8   I'VE BROUGHT ALONG WITH ME A SIGNED PETITION FROM 82 AFFECTED  
9   BOATERS. AS YOU MAY KNOW, YOUR APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES ON  
10   THE COMMISSION WERE UNABLE TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST  
11   FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO YOUR BOARD. AT THAT MEETING, THE  
12   COMMISSIONS REQUESTED MORE TIME TO EVALUATE THE PROPOSAL BUT  
13   IT WAS TOLD IT WOULD BE RECOMMENDED WITH OR WITHOUT THEIR  
14   SUPPORT DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS. AT THAT MEETING, THEY WERE  
15   SIMPLY TOLD THE DEPARTMENT, "IT IS NOT WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF  
16   YOUR COMMISSION TO OPINE ON THE VALUE OF A PROJECT." ONE  
17   COMMISSIONER WAS QUOTED IN THE NEWSPAPER AS SAYING, "WHY DO WE  
18   TALK ABOUT THIS IF IT DOESN'T MATTER?" THE ALMAR PROPOSAL  
19   CONSISTED OF 70 FOOT DRY STACK STORAGE BUILDING, 105 FEET OUT  
20   OVER THE WATER, AS WE HEARD. IN THE HARBOR, THE STRUCTURAL  
21   TOWER, 85 FEET OVER THE WATER. NOT OVER THE LAND BUT OVER THE  
22   WATER. 85 FEET ON A TYPICAL TIDE SITUATION. THE PROPERTIES  
23   IMMEDIATELY CONTIGUOUS WILL HAVE A HUGELY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT  
24   TO THE SLIPS THAT I HAVE NEXT DOOR. THE PROJECT WILL CAUSE A  
25   SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF THE BOAT SLIPS ON MY PARCEL AND



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1 SURROUNDING PARCELS TO BECOME UNRENTABLE AT ANYTHING CLOSE TO  
2 THE CURRENT MARKET RENT. THIS RENT REDUCTION EQUATES TO A \$1.3  
3 MILLION REDUCTION OF VALUES AND A \$33,000 ANNUAL LOSS OF  
4 GROUND RENT TO THE COUNTY. ABOUT 35% OF MY SLIPS HAVE LIVE  
5 ABOARD TENANTS AND MANY WILL BE FORCED TO RELOCATE. AMONG  
6 THEIR PRINCIPAL OBJECTION WOULD BE THE PROXIMITY TO SUCH A  
7 TALL, INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE, WHICH WILL CREATE NOISE, SHADE AND  
8 SHADOW ISSUES AND BLOCK THE NORMAL FLOW OF WIND. AT RISK AS  
9 WELL IS THE BOATER FRIENDLY PUBLIC LAUNCH RAMP. SITUATED  
10 IMMEDIATELY DOWNWIND OF THE PROPOSED ALMAR STRUCTURE, THE  
11 LAUNCH RAMP WILL BECOME CONSIDERABLY MORE CONGESTED AND  
12 DANGEROUS AS THE AMOUNT OF NAVIGABLE WATERS WITHIN THE HARBOR  
13 IS REDUCED. THE 35,000 ANNUAL USERS OF THIS FACILITY WILL BE  
14 SHOCKED AND INTIMIDATED BY THE MASSIVE STRUCTURE AND ITS  
15 INTERFERENCE WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THEIR BOATS DUE TO THE LOSS  
16 OF STAGING AREA IN THE HARBOR, HARBOR VISIBILITY FROM THE  
17 WATER AND WIND EFFECTS. IN SHORT, THE BOATING PUBLIC DOES NOT  
18 WANT THE KIND OF STRUCTURE BEING PROPOSED AND I BELIEVE THEY  
19 WILL OBJECT AS VEHEMENTLY AS DURING THE PREVIOUS ATTEMPT BY  
20 THE COUNTY TO DEVELOP THIS SITE INTO AN ENTERTAINMENT RETAIL  
21 COMPLEX ALMOST FIVE YEARS AGO. I BELIEVE THE PROPOSAL  
22 UNDERSTATES THE RISK OF ATTAINING APPROVAL BY THE COASTAL  
23 MISSION, WILL FACE SERIOUS REGULATORY SCRUTINY FROM THE FIRE  
24 DEPARTMENT, THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
25 REGIONAL PLANNING. THIS PROJECT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE



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1 STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN AND I DON'T SEE  
2 HOW IT COULD POSSIBLY SATISFY C.E.Q.A. REQUIREMENTS, WHICH  
3 APPLY HERE. IN SUMMARY, I FEEL THE ALMAR PROPOSAL TO BE BUILT  
4 OUT OVER THE WATER IS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED IN CONCEPT AND WILL  
5 CAUSE A HUGE UPROAR IN THE BOATING COMMUNITY. I URGE YOU TO  
6 TAKE ACTION, TO LISTEN TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SMALL  
7 CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION AND PREVENT THE MISTAKE OF BUILDING A  
8 MASSIVE STRUCTURE OUT OVER AND ABOVE THE WATERS IN MARINA DEL  
9 REY.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SCHEM. YOU'RE MS. RANSOM?

12

13 **SONIA RANSOM:** YES, I AM. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M  
14 SONIA RANSOM FROM ALLAN MATKINS. I REPRESENT PACIFIC MARINA  
15 DEVELOPMENT IN ALMAR AND MR. HOGAN AND MR. PENT ARE HERE AS  
16 PRINCIPALS OF THE VENTURE THAT STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THAT YOU  
17 ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH. BASICALLY, WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER  
18 ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. WE DON'T FEEL THE NEED TO SPEAK  
19 UNLESS YOU HAVE QUESTIONS DIRECTED TOWARDS US.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTION OR  
22 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? IT IS BEFORE US. MR. KNABE.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, OBVIOUSLY, MY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED  
25 NUMEROUS CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOAT YARD AND THE REAL ESTATE



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1 GROUP AND THE NEIGHBORING PARCEL AND-- WHICH WAS A COMPETITOR  
2 AND ALSO OFFERED ADDITIONAL OPTIONS ON THIS DEVELOPMENT. I  
3 WOULD MOVE THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION BUT AS I WOULD ALSO MOVE  
4 THAT, AS THE DEPARTMENT NEGOTIATES WITH ALMAR, THAT I WOULD  
5 REALLY LIKE THE DEPARTMENT TO DILIGENTLY CONSIDER SOME OF THE  
6 SUGGESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON, ON AND OFF ON POTENTIAL  
7 NEGOTIATIONS TO SEE IF ANY OF THOSE SUGGESTIONS ARE FEASIBLE.  
8 SO I WOULD MOVE THAT WE APPROVE ITEM 11 AND, TWO, TO INSTRUCT  
9 THE DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND HARBORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE  
10 BOARD ON THE FEASIBILITY OF THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE  
11 BOATYARD WITHIN 90 DAYS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL SECOND IT, MADAM CHAIR. I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF  
14 COMMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, I RECOGNIZE THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS  
15 LOOKED AT THIS VERY CAREFULLY AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE MY  
16 COMMENTS AS A BOATER, NOT A BOAT OWNER AT THIS MOMENT BUT OVER  
17 THE YEARS, ALWAYS A BOAT OWNER. THIS WILL ACTUALLY OPEN UP, I  
18 THINK, MORE SLIPS IN THE MARINA AND THE REASON IS THAT IT'S SO  
19 EXPENSIVE FOR MANY PEOPLE TO HAVE SLIPS THAT THEY DON'T  
20 NECESSARILY-- EVERYBODY DOESN'T USE THEIR BOAT AS MUCH AS SOME  
21 OF US DO. SOME PEOPLE PUT THEIR BOAT THERE, IT STAYS THERE AND  
22 THEY USE IT MAYBE TWICE A YEAR. THAT PERSON IS PAYING AND ALSO  
23 KEEPING THAT SLIP FROM SOMEONE ELSE. AND I BELIEVE THAT, IF  
24 THIS CONCEPT WORKS, IT'S ONE THAT CAN OPEN UP MANY MORE SLIPS  
25 NOT ONLY HERE BUT IN OTHER MARINAS. AND ALSO, IT'S TRUE, IT



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1 WILL DRIVE DOWN THE PRICE. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION  
2 ABOUT THAT. IT DRIVES THE PRICE DOWN BECAUSE YOU WILL HAVE  
3 MORE SLIPS AVAILABLE BECAUSE MANY SLIPS, PEOPLE WILL HAVE THEM  
4 IN THAT DRY DOCK AND I SUSPECT THAT IT'S GOING TO BE EASIER ON  
5 SOME OF YOUR BOATS TO HAVE THEM IN DRY DOCK THAN HAVE THEM IN  
6 THE WATER ALL THE TIME IN TERMS OF YOUR MAINTENANCE. AND I  
7 THINK IT'S WORTH A TRY BECAUSE, CERTAINLY, IF YOU TAKE YOUR  
8 BOAT OUT, YOU PUT IT OUT WHEN YOU NEED IT, AND I UNDERSTAND  
9 THAT THERE WILL BE VALET SERVICES AND OTHER THINGS LIKE THAT  
10 TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO UTILIZE THEIR BOAT AND I THINK  
11 IT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE TRIED AND TO BE LOOKED AT  
12 BECAUSE IT CERTAINLY COULD MAKE IT A LOT CHEAPER FOR PEOPLE  
13 WHO-- WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE BOAT OWNERSHIP. WE WANT TO  
14 ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO USE THE MARINA AND MORE PEOPLE WOULD BE  
15 ABLE TO USE IT WHO MIGHT NOT USE IT KNOWING THAT THEY'D HAVE  
16 TO PAY FOR A SLIP YEAR-ROUND AND NOT USE THE BOAT ALL THE  
17 TIME. SO I AM SECONDING IT AND I SUPPORT IT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. ANY  
20 OTHER FURTHER COMMENTS? IF NOT, SO ORDERED AS AMENDED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. I WAS VOTING "NO" ON IT.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. DO WE HAVE TO ASK FOR  
25 RECONSIDERATION? OKAY. WE'LL JUST RECORD IT AS A "NO" VOTE.





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1 OKAY. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT TAKES CARE  
2 OF MOST OF THE ITEMS, EXCEPT WE HAVE S-2.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** NO ONE ELSE HAS DONE THEIR ADJOURNMENTS.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, I UNDERSTAND BUT THIS WAS AT 11:00.  
7 THAT'S WHY.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** OH. OKAY.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. FIELDING?

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13 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, I'M JONATHAN  
14 FIELDING AND WITH ME IS ANNA LONG, WHO'S CHIEF OF STAFF FOR  
15 PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS IS AN UPDATE ON THE STEPS TAKEN TO CERTIFY  
16 AND EXTEND NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
17 THEY'VE DEMONSTRATED TO REDUCE H.I.V. TRANSMISSION,  
18 TRANSMISSION OF HEPATITIS B AND C, THEY SERVE AS AN IMPORTANT  
19 VENUE FOR PROVIDING INJECTION DRUG USERS WITH REFERRAL TO DRUG  
20 TREATMENT AND MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES. THEY'VE ALSO BEEN  
21 DEMONSTRATED NOT TO INCREASE INJECTION DRUG USE. WE ESTIMATE  
22 THERE ARE ABOUT 72,000 ACTIVE DRUG USERS IN L.A. COUNTY AND WE  
23 ANTICIPATE THAT AS MANY AS 21,700 ADDITIONAL INTRAVENOUS DRUG  
24 USERS WOULD USE NEEDLE EXCHANGE SERVICES WERE THEY AVAILABLE.  
25 THAT WOULD SUGGEST 45% OF ACTIVE DRUG INJECTIVE DRUG USERS



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1 SHARE NEEDLES AND THOSE WHO WE'RE RECOMMENDING THEREFORE TO  
2 EXPAND THE PROGRAM. WE HAD A MEETING WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES  
3 OF CITY FUNDED NEEDLE CHANGE PROGRAMS ABOUT-- AND THEY  
4 INDICATED THAT THEY COULD NOT EXPAND THE PROGRAMS WITHOUT  
5 FUNDING ADDITIONALLY. AND WE LOOKED AT THE PRIORITY AREAS IN  
6 NEED OF NEEDLE EXCHANGE SERVICES AND THEY ARE IN THE ANTELOPE,  
7 SAN FERNANDO AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEYS, SOUTH, SOUTH BAY AND  
8 EAST PLANNING AREAS. SO WE'RE RECOMMENDING THE USE OF \$500,000  
9 IN TOBACCO MASTER SETTLEMENT FUNDS CURRENTLY IN THE DHS BUDGET  
10 TO SUPPORT PHASE I OF EXPANSION, WHICH WOULD BE PROBABLY FOUR  
11 MOBILE SITES AND ONE FIXED SITE AND WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF  
12 REVISING OUR NEEDLE EXCHANGE CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS,  
13 INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, POLICIES, PROCEDURE MANUALS  
14 AND THE R.F.A. AND WE'LL CONVENE THE NEEDLE EXCHANGE  
15 CERTIFICATION WORKGROUP AND PREPARE TO RELEASE THE R.F.A. FOR  
16 CERTIFICATION EXPANSION OF THESE SERVICES. OUR PLAN IS TO  
17 PROCEED TO ISSUE THE R.F.A. AND DEVELOP CONTRACTS TO BRING  
18 BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL USING TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS.  
19 BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'LL MOVE APPROVAL OF THE  
22 RECOMMENDATION.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR  
25 COMMENT? MR. ANTONOVICH.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE COUNTY'S NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM  
3 MANDATE IV DRUG USERS TO SHOW PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION TO  
4 ENSURE THAT EVERYONE IS OVER THE AGE OF 18?

5

6 **ANNA LONG:** NOW, IT WILL NOT. AT THIS POINT, WE BELIEVE THAT  
7 ASKING PEOPLE FOR PROOF OF I.D. IS DETRIMENTAL, IT KEEPS  
8 PEOPLE FROM USING THE EXCHANGE. WHAT WE WILL ASK OUR PROGRAMS  
9 TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THAT, ON APPEARANCE, PEOPLE APPEAR TO BE  
10 OVER THE AGE OF 18 OR THAT THEY'RE EMANCIPATED MINORS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO MADE THE DECISION NOT TO REQUEST I.D.,  
13 IDENTIFICATION OF AGE OF 18?

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CURRENT NEEDLE  
16 EXCHANGE PROGRAM, IT JUST DID NOT SEEM LIKE THAT WAS A VIABLE  
17 OPTION FROM A PRACTICAL STANDPOINT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S INTERESTING THAT A STUDENT IN HIGH  
20 SCHOOL IS NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE AN ASPIRIN FROM THE NURSE IF  
21 THEY HAVE A HEADACHE WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT AND YET HERE YOU  
22 CAN OBTAIN A NEEDLE FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
23 BEING IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS ACTUALLY NOT INVOLVED  
24 IN HEALTH BUT HELPING A PERSON HAVE DETRIMENTAL HABITS TO  
25 THEIR HEALTH. WILL THE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PLAN STAFF FOLLOW UP



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1 WITH IV DRUG USERS WHO ARE ABUSING DRUGS TO DETERMINE IF THEY  
2 ARE SEEKING REHABILITATION, RECOVERY?

3

4 **ANNA LONG:** YES. NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS DO HAVE WITH THEM  
5 INFORMATION ABOUT DRUG TREATMENT AND REFERRAL AND, WHEN PEOPLE  
6 ARE INTERESTED IN THAT, THEY DO FOLLOW UP WITH THEM. SOME OF  
7 THE PROGRAMS ACTUALLY HAVE DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS AFFILIATED  
8 WITH THEM AND THEY CAN HELP PEOPLE ACCESS THOSE SERVICES.

9

10 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** AND THAT WILL BE A REQUIREMENT,  
11 SUPERVISOR, UNDER THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS, THAT THEY PROVIDE  
12 THOSE REFERRALS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOLLOW UP WITH  
15 INDIVIDUALS WHO USE NEEDLES TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE DISPOSING  
16 OF THOSE NEEDLES PROPERLY?

17

18 **ANNA LONG:** THE NEEDLES THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE FROM THE EXCHANGE  
19 ARE BROUGHT BACK TO THE EXCHANGE AND THE NEEDLE EXCHANGE  
20 PROGRAM ITSELF IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISPOSING OF THEM.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DO YOU KNOW THEY ARE DOING THAT?

23



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1   **ANNA LONG:** THEY HAVE CONTRACTS WHERE THEY HAVE THOSE NEEDLES  
2   PICKED UP OR THEY TAKE THEM TO A FACILITY TO DISPOSE OF THEM.  
3   THERE IS ALSO...

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF THEY DON'T? WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY  
6   DON'T?

7

8   **ANNA LONG:** THERE ARE VERY FEW BARRIERS NOW FOR PEOPLE TO CARRY  
9   THEIR SYRINGES BACK TO THE EXCHANGE. IN FACT, BECAUSE IT'S ON  
10   A REPLACEMENT BASIS, IT'S MORE OF AN INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO  
11   BRING THEIR NEEDLES BACK FOR EXCHANGE.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROBLEM THAT I HAVE IN FOSTERING AN  
14   ENVIRONMENT THAT CONTINUES A PERSON'S DEPENDENCE ON DRUGS IS  
15   BECAUSE A DRUG ADDICT REALLY HAS NO DIGNITY, LOYALTY TO THEIR  
16   FAMILY OR TO THEMSELVES OR ADEQUATE JUDGMENT. THEY'LL LIE,  
17   THEY'LL STEAL, THEY'LL JEOPARDIZE THEIR CHILDREN'S WELFARE,  
18   THEY'LL JEOPARDIZE THEIR FAMILY'S WELFARE TO FEED THEIR  
19   ADDICTION. AND WHAT WE NEED TO HAVE ARE AGGRESSIVE DRUG  
20   REHABILITATION PROGRAMS AND NOT A POLITICALLY CORRECT SYSTEM  
21   THAT FOSTERS THIS POISON IN THEIR SYSTEM, AND-- DRUG ADDICTS  
22   HAVE NO LOGIC. THEY'RE JUST DEPENDENT UPON A POISON TO EXIST.

23

24   **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE AGREE WITH YOU ENTIRELY, THAT WHAT'S  
25   IMPORTANT, THAT THE BEST APPROACH IS DRUG REHABILITATION. LAST



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1 YEAR WE TREATED OVER 11,000 INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS IN OUR  
2 PROGRAMS AND ONE OF THE EFFORTS IS TO MAXIMIZE REFERRAL. THE  
3 PURPOSE OF NEEDLE EXCHANGES FOR THOSE WHO WON'T GO TO DRUG  
4 TREATMENT OR ARE NOT WILLING, AT A PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME,  
5 TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF THEM TRANSMITTING H.I.V. OR HEPATITIS  
6 B OR C WHICH ARE OFTENTIMES COSTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE BORNE  
7 BY US IN OUR SAFETY NET IN D.H.S. BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE OFTEN,  
8 AS YOU INDICATE, DON'T HAVE JOBS AND DON'T HAVE OTHER SOURCES  
9 OF CARE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE POINT, THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO  
12 BE ON AN ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE THAT'S GOING TO IMPAIR THEIR  
13 JUDGMENT AND MAKE THEM A DANGER TO OTHERS IF THEY'RE BEHIND  
14 THE WHEEL OF THE VEHICLE OR IN THE COMMUNITY. SO MY APPROACH  
15 WOULD BE THAT WE AGGRESSIVELY HAVE THEM IN REHAB. I MEAN, AT  
16 AN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, YOU DON'T DRINK YOUR WAY TO SOBRIETY,  
17 YOU HAVE TO END THAT SOBRIETY-- I MEAN, YOU HAVE TO END THAT  
18 ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE TO BE SOBER AND-- BUT THAT'S...

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR. THAT IS  
21 BY FAR THE BEST WAY, AND WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN BOTH  
22 TO PREVENT THAT DRUG USE INITIALLY AND TO REFER THOSE PEOPLE.  
23 AND WE-- CERTAINLY I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT WE'RE NOT PROVIDING  
24 DRUGS OR CONDONING DRUG USE IN ANY WAY. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
25 DO IS, FOR THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY USING INTRAVENOUS DRUGS, TO





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1 REDUCE TRANSMISSION OF DISEASES WHICH CAN BE BLOOD BORNE,  
2 PARTICULARLY H.I.V. BUT ALSO HEPATITIS B AND C AND OTHERS.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, IT'S A PROVEN PROGRAM, TIME AND  
5 TIME AGAIN, BECAUSE IT'S AN EXCHANGE, A ONE FOR ONE. IT'S A  
6 SHAME THAT WE HAVE TO DO THIS. BECAUSE, IDEALLY, IT WOULD BE  
7 TO ELIMINATE IT, IT WOULD BE TO PROVIDE REHAB. IDEALLY, IT  
8 WOULD BE ALL THOSE OTHER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY  
9 SPENDS MULTI-MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO  
10 ANYONE WHO WOULD COME IN AND ALLOW THEMSELVES OR GO THROUGH  
11 THAT KIND OF REHAB. REGRETFULLY, WE HAVE TO CURB THE PROBLEM  
12 WITH H.I.V. AND WE KNOW THAT THIS IS A PREVALENT ISSUE AND SO,  
13 CONSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE ADDRESSING. WE  
14 ARE NOT ADDRESSING THE ISSUES, UNFORTUNATELY, OF TRYING TO  
15 CURB ADDICTION WITH THIS PROGRAM. WE'RE TRYING TO CURB THE  
16 ESCALATION OF THE INCREASE OF DISEASE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT, I  
19 MEAN, THE ARGUMENT THAT WAS USED EARLIER TODAY, I BELIEVE, AS  
20 IT RELATED TO E.R.S AND THINGS IS THAT, YOU KNOW, IF THE  
21 FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE ENCOURAGING THESE PROGRAMS,  
22 THEN WHY SHOULD THE COUNTY BE FUNDING SOMETHING LIKE THIS? WHY  
23 ISN'T THE-- YOU KNOW, IF THEY WANT US TO DO IT SO BADLY, THEN  
24 WHY AREN'T THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, THE IDENTICAL  
25 ARGUMENT Y'ALL USED FOR NOT MOVING FORWARD ON SOME MEASURE B



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1 FUNDING THIS MORNING? AND, YOU KNOW, THIS BOARD RECENTLY  
2 APPROVED, WHAT, TO ALLOW THE SALE OF SYRINGES WITHOUT A  
3 PRESCRIPTION BY PHARMACIES. IS THAT CORRECT? WHY ISN'T THAT  
4 ENOUGH?

5

6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR?

7

8 **ANNA LONG:** THERE ARE DIFFERENT POPULATIONS OF INJECTION DRUG  
9 USERS. SOME INJECTION DRUG USERS WILL USE A PHARMACY BASED  
10 SYRINGE SALES PROGRAM WHERE THEY CAN GO AND PURCHASE. MANY  
11 INJECTION DRUG USERS ARE HOMELESS. SOME OF THEM ARE VERY LOW  
12 INCOME AND CANNOT AFFORD TO USE THAT PROGRAM. SO WE NEED A  
13 RANGE OF TYPES OF SERVICES TO ASSURE THAT THERE IS SAFE  
14 INJECTION EQUIPMENT ON THE STREET.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** WE WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY HAS CLEAN NEEDLES,  
17 RIGHT? "NO" VOTE FROM HERE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** COULD WE ASK FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THIS  
20 ITEM, PLEASE? WELL, ACTUALLY, THIS IS A REPORT, ISN'T THAT  
21 CORRECT?

22

23 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT'S CORRECT.

24



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO IT'S ONLY A RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT. IS  
2    THAT CORRECT?

3

4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ARE YOU GOING TO PROCEED TO-- HOW DO YOU  
5    FINANCE THIS?

6

7    **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE ARE RECOMMENDING FINANCING IT WITH  
8    \$500,000 OF TOBACCO MASTER SETTLEMENT FUNDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY  
9    IN THE D.H.S. BUDGET BUT HAVE NOT BEEN SPENT.

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE TO BRING THAT  
12   SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE BOARD?

13

14   **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE WOULD BRING THAT BACK, WE WOULD  
15   ISSUE RFP'S AND WE WOULD BRING THE RESULTS BACK WITH A REQUEST  
16   FOR APPROVAL THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE FUNDING FROM THAT SOURCE.

17

18   **SUP. KNABE:** SO THAT THE FUNDING, I MEAN, BECAUSE I ASSUMED, BY  
19   ZEV'S MOTION, THAT HE WAS RECOMMENDING THAT THE \$500,000 BE  
20   SPENT TODAY.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT BUT I ASSUME THAT, IF  
23   YOU'RE GOING TO GO OUT AS A RESULT OF THIS AND DO R.F.P.S, YOU  
24   NEED TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE MONEY. YOU DON'T



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1 WANT TO GO AND RAISE EVERYBODY'S HACKLES AND EXPECTATIONS AND  
2 THEN NOT HAVE THE MONEY.

3

4 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL, ARE WE IN A  
7 POSITION TO AUTHORIZE THE MONEY NOW?

8

9 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I  
10 BELIEVE THAT THE MONEY IS CURRENTLY IN THE BUDGET SO IT COULD  
11 BE AUTHORIZED WITH THE RESTRICTION THAT IT NOT BE SUBJECT TO  
12 EXPENDITURE UNTIL CONTRACTS COME BACK AFTER THE REQUEST FOR  
13 PROPOSAL PROCESS IS CONCLUDED.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I WITHDRAW MY ORIGINAL MOTION AND MAKE  
16 THAT MOTION?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THAT POSSIBLE? THIS WAS AGENDAIZED AS A  
19 REPORT.

20

21 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** AS A REPORT BUT THE REPORT DOES  
22 CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS AND YOUR BOARD CAN ACT ON THOSE TODAY.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THAT CORRECT? ALL RIGHT. IT HAS BEEN  
25 MOVED...



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2 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT'S MY-- I CEDE TO THE COUNTY  
3 COUNSEL.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ...TO-- IS IT TO APPROVE ALL THE  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS, MR. YAROSLAVSKY? IS THAT CORRECT?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND  
9 DESIGNATE AND AUTHORIZE THE SPENDING OF THE \$500,000 BUT ONLY  
10 AFTER THE...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PROCESS, THEY GO THROUGH THE PROCESS...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY GO THROUGH THE PROCESS AND THEY BRING  
15 BACK THE CONTRACTS TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

16

17 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE  
18 SUGGESTING.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. DR. FIELDING, TO USE  
21 AN ANALOGY, WOULD WE, FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PURPOSES, USING THE  
22 ANALOGY THAT YOU'RE USING IN THIS CASE, IF WE ESTABLISH FREE  
23 ALCOHOL DISTRIBUTION CENTERS ON SKID ROW BECAUSE WE KNOW  
24 ALCOHOLISM CREATES CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER AND OTHER HEALTH  
25 PROBLEMS AND HEPATITIS AND THE SPREADING OF DISEASE AND THAT



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1 WE COULD ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL DISTRIBUTION CENTER AND, IF YOU  
2 BRING IN YOUR BOTTLE OF WINE, WE WILL GIVE YOU A NEW BOTTLE OF  
3 WINE?

4

5 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE CERTAINLY WOULD  
6 NOT RECOMMEND THAT, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, WE WOULD NOT  
7 RECOMMEND THAT, NOR WOULD WE RECOMMEND A PROGRAM OF EXCHANGING  
8 ONE DRUG FOR ANOTHER. THIS IS ONLY EXCHANGING THE VEHICLE BY  
9 WHICH IT'S USED BECAUSE THAT VEHICLE LEADS TO COMMUNICABLE  
10 DISEASES AND THAT'S THE ONLY REASON THAT WE RECOMMEND THIS TO  
11 REDUCE THE RATE OF H.I.V. AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS THAT THE ANALOGY WOULD BE IF TAKING  
14 A SIP FROM AN ALUMINUM CAN GAVE YOU A.I.D.S. OR ANY OTHER  
15 LIFE-THREATENING DISEASE, YOU MIGHT DEVELOP A PROGRAM. THAT'S  
16 WHAT THIS IS. THIS IS NOT ABOUT ENCOURAGING. THIS IS NOT JUST  
17 TRANSMITTING TRANSMITTABLE DISEASES, THESE ARE KILLER  
18 DISEASES.

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MEAN...

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CIRRHOSIS IS A KILLING DISEASE.

25





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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU DON'T GET CIRRHOSIS BY TOUCHING YOUR  
2   LIPS TO ANY OLD ALUMINUM CAN.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, RIPPLE DOESN'T COME IN ALUMINUM CANS.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? WE HAVE PROGRAMS  
7   FOR THAT. BUT THIS IS...

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE PROGRAMS FOR DRUG ABUSE, TOO, BUT  
10   WE'RE NOT ENCOURAGING THEM TO DO IT IF WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
11   THEM THE MATERIALS THAT KEEP THEM DEPENDENT.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND YOUR PHILOSOPHICAL POINT OF  
14   VIEW AND I'M NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH IT, IT IS YOUR VIEW AND  
15   YOU'RE ENTITLED TO IT. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT ONE  
16   INTRAVENOUS INJECTION, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THAT ARE  
17   RAMPANT IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THIS COUNTY, CAN KILL YOU AND NOT  
18   OVERNIGHT BUT CAN KILL YOU OVER TIME IN A SLOW, COSTLY, AND  
19   UNSEEMLY WAY AND I THINK THAT'S WHY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS,  
20   MEDICAL DOCTORS, PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LIKE DR. FIELDING  
21   HAVE ARGUED FOR THIS AND ENLIGHTENED GOVERNMENTS HAVE-- AS  
22   DISTASTEFUL AS IT IS TO ALL OF US, THE RELATIVE, THE COST  
23   BENEFIT, AND I DON'T MEAN FINANCIAL COST BENEFIT BUT YOU LIVE  
24   TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY WITH A DRUG ADDICT WHO DOESN'T HAVE  
25   A.I.D.S., YOU'LL REHABILITATE THEM NEXT WEEK BUT DON'T KILL



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1 HIM THIS WEEK, UNLESS, YOU KNOW, UNLESS WE, AS A SOCIETY,  
2 DON'T CARE ABOUT DISPENSING WITH A DRUG ADDICT AND LETTING  
3 THEM DIE THIS WEEK. I DON'T THINK MOST OF US VIEW IT THAT WAY  
4 AND THAT'S-- IT'S NOT A PERFECT SYSTEM BUT WE HAVE A PROBLEM  
5 AND WE'RE TRYING TO ADDRESS IT IN A WAY THAT...

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** \$500,000 WOULD GO A LONG WAYS IN  
8 REHABILITATION FOR THOSE ON DRUGS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT, YOU KNOW, WE SPEND MILLIONS IN TERMS  
11 OF TRYING TO STOP A.I.D.S. AND H.I.V. AND, YOU KNOW, THERE WAS  
12 A TIME WHEN WE DIDN'T HAVE THE H.I.V. CRISIS, WE DIDN'T TALK  
13 ABOUT THESE NEEDLE EXCHANGES. WHEN WE DIDN'T HAVE AN H.I.V.  
14 CRISIS, WE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT CONDOMS BEING DISTRIBUTED. BUT  
15 WHEN WE FOUND OUT THAT THESE WERE MECHANISMS THAT WERE PASSING  
16 ON A DISEASE, OUR RESPONSIBILITY BECAME DIFFERENT. WE DID NOT  
17 WANT TO ALLOW PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY ARE IRRATIONAL AND BECAUSE  
18 THEY DO NOT FOLLOW HEALTH STANDARDS, TO CONTINUE IF WE COULD,  
19 IN SOME WAY, STOP SOME OF THE PASSING ON OF THIS DISEASE. AND  
20 THIS IS A LIFE-AND-DEATH MATTER, NOT ONLY FOR THE PERSON, FOR  
21 THE BABIES WHO ARE BORN FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE H.I.V. AND WHO  
22 OFTEN DON'T EVEN LIVE UNTIL THEIR SECOND OR THIRD BIRTHDAY. SO  
23 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS TO HELP PEOPLE WHO WON'T HELP  
24 THEMSELVES AND TAKING ACTIONS THAT WE WOULD NEVER HAVE DONE  
25 PRIOR TO THE H.I.V. PROBLEM, NEVER HAVE DONE. BUT IT'S A



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1 REALITY AND IT'S A REALITY THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE  
2 WHO HAVE H.I.V. IN MANY COMMUNITIES ARE INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS  
3 AND WE ADDRESS THAT JUST AS WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF  
4 UNPROTECTED SEX AND HOW THAT IS PASSING ON H.I.V. AND I HOPE  
5 THAT PEOPLE CAN MAKE THAT DISTINCTION AND UNDERSTANDING IN  
6 THEIR MIND. IT SEEMS TO ME IT'S NOT A REAL COMPLEX CONCEPT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. COULD  
9 YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MOTION CARRIES, 3-TO-2.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. S-2, THAT ITEM IS CONTINUED BUT  
9 WE HAVE A SPEAKER, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO THANK DR. FIELDING ON  
12 THE LAST ITEM FOR GETTING THIS BACK AS QUICKLY AS HE DID AFTER  
13 OUR LAST GO-AROUND ON THIS. APPRECIATE IT.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
16 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK YOU MEANT S-1 AND NOT S-2. IS  
17 THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT, S-1.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OKAY. YOU KNOW, AS USUAL, I CANNOT  
22 UNDERSTAND THAT CONSISTENTLY ALL THE REPORTS, ESPECIALLY FOR  
23 D.H.S., ARE NEVER-- OR ALMOST VERY SELDOM BROUGHT ON TIME. TO  
24 HAVE CONSTANTLY CONTINUE THE ITEM IS HIGHLY DISTURBING,  
25 ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE DEALING WITH THE ISSUE LIKE KING DREW



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1 MEDICAL CENTER. AND THEIR EXCUSE IS THAT, YOU KNOW, IF WE  
2 REALLY WANT TO DO OUTSOURCING, IT TAKES SIX TO 12 MONTHS TO  
3 ASSESS THE SITUATION. DEFINITELY, YOUR SOURCES OF INFORMATION  
4 ARE QUITE ERRONEOUS. IF YOU HAD-- INDEED, HAD A COMPETENT, AN  
5 EXPERT COMPANY AND NOT SHATTUCK-HAMMOND ON A SOLE VENDOR  
6 CONTRACT, WHO HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO EXPERIENCE IN OUTSOURCING BUT  
7 HAVE A VERY VAST EXPERIENCE IN MERGER AND ACQUISITIONS AND I  
8 THINK IT'S WHAT, YOU KNOW, SIX TO 12 MONTHS IS A REASONABLE  
9 TIME TO TALK ABOUT MERGER AND ACQUISITION. WAY ABOVE TIME WHEN  
10 YOU TALK ABOUT OUTSOURCING. IT SHOULD TAKE A COUPLE OF MONTHS.  
11 PROBABLY LESS THAN THAT IF YOU HAD COMPETENT PEOPLE DOING THE  
12 WORK. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, IF YOU WANT TO DO MERGER AND  
13 ACQUISITION IN THESE INVESTMENTS OF KING DREW, YOU PROBABLY  
14 HAVE THE RIGHT FIRM. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN TELLING  
15 CONSTITUENTS. YOU HAVE BEEN TELLING THEM THAT YOU ARE LOOKING  
16 FOR OUTSOURCING AND IT IS OBVIOUS THAT, WHEN IT COMES TO KING  
17 DREW, WE ARE MAKING MISTAKE AFTER MISTAKE. WE HAVE HIRED  
18 INCOMPETENT CONSULTING FIRM AND I'M TO THE POINT NOW I WONDER  
19 IF IT IS NOT ON PURPOSE. YOU KNOW, WE ARE A HUGE COUNTRY. WE  
20 HAVE PROBABLY THE BEST EXPERTS IN THE WORLD WHEN IT COMES TO  
21 MANAGEMENT OF HOSPITALS AND, ON EVERY ISSUE, WE HAVE THE  
22 SELECTED THE PEOPLE ON SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT, ALL WITHOUT DOING  
23 DUE DILIGENCE. I MEAN, IF ANY HAVE LOOKED IN THE DETAIL AT THE  
24 BACKGROUND OF NAVIGANT, THEY WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN HIRED TO DO  
25 THE JOB BECAUSE THEY HAVE NEVER, NEVER DONE ANY TURNAROUND OF



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1 A A DISTRESSED HOSPITAL EXCEPT FROM A FINANCIAL POINT OF VIEW.  
2 AND, YOU KNOW, I'M BEYOND MYSELF WHEN I SEE A LOT OF THE  
3 THINGS PRESENTED TODAY AND CONSISTENTLY AND I THINK WE SHOULD  
4 DEMAND A REPORT ON TIME AND I THINK IT WOULD BE TO OUR  
5 ADVANTAGE TO STILL HAVE KAE ROBERTSON COME EVERY WEEK TO GIVE  
6 US A REPORT. THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AT  
7 KING DREW. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AND IT'S  
8 A JOKE THAT SHE CANNOT COME OR GARTHWAITE ONCE A WEEK BUT THEY  
9 ARE GOING TO HAVE A CONFERENCE CALL EVERY DAY?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE?

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I'M SUMMARIZING NOW. IT'S GOING TO  
14 TAKE THEM MUCH MORE TIME TO HAVE THE DAILY SO-CALLED  
15 CONFERENCE CALL. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE PUBLIC IS NOT  
16 GOING TO ACCESS ANY OF THE INFORMATION AND THAT'S...

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME-- DR. GARTHWAITE IS RIGHT THERE. I'D  
21 LIKE TO ASK HIM...

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'RE CONTINUING THIS ITEM BUT-- DR.  
24 GARTHWAITE?

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. GARTHWAITE, WHAT IS THE SENTINEL EVENT,  
2    CRITICAL ISSUES WHICH YOU HAD MENTIONED?

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4    **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'M SORRY?

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6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE SENTINEL, THE CRITERIA THAT YOU  
7    USE FOR A SENTINEL EVENT IN CRITICAL ISSUE? THAT WAS YOUR  
8    TERMINOLOGY.

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10   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. WELL, SENTINEL EVENTS ARE ANY  
11   EVENTS THAT RESULT IN INJURY OF A PATIENT, UNINTENDED INJURY  
12   OF A PATIENT AND THEY MAY-- THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT WOULD  
13   RISE TO THE LEVEL OF A SENTINEL EVENT. AN ADVERSE DRUG  
14   REACTION WOULD BE AN EXAMPLE. THE MISADMINISTRATION OF BLOOD,  
15   INJURY DURING SURGERY. WE HAD AN EXAMPLE OF LEAVING AN  
16   INSTRUMENT IN A PATIENT THAT WAS WELL PUBLICIZED. ANY OF THOSE  
17   KINDS OF INJURIES, ANYTHING THAT'S UNTOWARD IN THE HOSPITAL.  
18   AND WE WOULD ALSO CONSIDER, YOU KNOW, A FIRE, ANYTHING LIKE  
19   THAT.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR PRELIMINARY REPORT CONTRADICTS SOME OF  
22   THE ISSUES THAT HAVE ARISEN AT THE KING DREW. FOR EXAMPLE, THE  
23   CLOSURE OF THE TRAUMA CENTER AND DROP EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS  
24   AND THE REDUCTION IN THE AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS REALLY AREN'T  
25   IMPROVEMENTS.



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**DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE PRODUCED SOME DATA-- WE WERE IN THE PROCESS OF PRODUCING DATA FOR YOUR AUGUST 16TH MEETING TO PROVIDE-- TO ANSWER THE QUESTION THAT WE HAD BEEN ASKED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, HOW SAFE IS THE HOSPITAL AND WHAT IS ANY PROGRESS, IF ANY, IN MAKING IT SAFER? AND WE BECAME AWARE THAT THERE WAS POTENTIALLY A MORE PUBLIC DEBATE OF PIECES OF DATA THAT-- AND OTHER DATA THAT WE HAD ACCESS TO IN OUR WORK WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PART OF THAT DISCUSSION. SO WE THOUGHT IT PRUDENT TO RELEASE TO EVERYONE THE DATA THAT WE HAD BEEN ABLE TO GENERATE SO THAT ANY DEBATE ABOUT DATA WOULD BE INCLUSIVE OF AS MUCH DATA AS WE HAD AVAILABLE AT THE TIME. SO OUR GOAL IN RELEASING THIS DATA WAS SIMPLY TO ALLOW THIS TO BE SEEN AS WE COME FORWARD TO MAKE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER.

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**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE MEDICAID SERVICES CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY THAT THERE ARE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH NURSING, PHARMACY AND THE PHYSICIANS FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS AND THE STATE LICENSING INSPECTORS REPORTED THAT THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY PHARMACY ERRORS. IN FACT, THIS MORNING WE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM DR. WELLS THAT THE C.M.S. IS AT THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW DOING A REVIEW ON THE DEATH OF THE CARDIAC PATIENT RELATIVE TO THE FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE MONITORS; AND THE DIALYSIS CASE WHERE THE NURSE WENT TO SLEEP; AND THE SURGEON



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1 WHO TOOK HIS SON INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM; AND THE ALLEGATIONS  
2 THAT A PSYCHIATRIC ATTENDANT TRANSFER OF A PATIENT TO HARBOR-  
3 U.C.L.A. WAS IN VIOLATION TO YOUR REGULATIONS; AND IF YOU'RE  
4 DEALING WITH THE FILE KEEPER'S ISSUE AND UNSPECIFIED  
5 ALLEGATIONS. SO...

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7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK MOST OF THOSE ISSUES HAVE  
8 BEEN REPORTED IN THE PAPER AND ARE A PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD  
9 AND PART OF PEOPLE'S KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE  
10 HOSPITAL.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOME OF THOSE ARE RECENT.

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14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT. AND OUR GOAL WAS TO RELEASE  
15 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT HASN'T BEEN IN THE PUBLIC EYE, SO  
16 THAT CAN BE PART OF THE BROADER DISCUSSION. IT WASN'T MEANT  
17 TO, IN ANY WAY TO SUGGEST OR IN ANY WAY SHOW OR IN ANY WAY  
18 FORGIVE OR SHOW ANY TOLERANCE WHATSOEVER FOR ANY MISADVENTURES  
19 OR MEDICAL ERRORS THAT WERE MADE AT THE MEDICAL CENTER. WE  
20 CONTINUE TO WORK DAY AND NIGHT TO FIX PROBLEMS AND TO AVOID  
21 ALL THOSE KINDS OF THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE THIS  
22 BOARD IN THE PAST.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT, IN A WAY, THE COMMENTS REALLY MISLEAD  
25 THE PUBLIC BECAUSE THE FACILITY HAS LOST ITS ACCREDITATION.



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I WOULD DISAGREE. I DON'T THINK  
3 THAT THERE'S ANY ATTEMPT TO MISLEAD, SIMPLY TO STATE FACTUALLY  
4 THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE AND STATE ALL THE  
5 INFORMATION. I THINK, IF YOU READ THE REPORT WE PUT OUT, IT  
6 RAISES SOME OTHER AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT AS WELL AS SHOWS SOME  
7 AREA THAT MAYBE DON'T LOOK AS BAD AS ONE MIGHT CONCLUDE IF ONE  
8 ONLY READ WHAT WAS REPORTED IN, FOR EXAMPLE, THE "L.A. TIMES".

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT SOME OF THOSE CASES I JUST READ HAPPENED  
11 JUST OCCURRED A FEW WEEKS AGO. SO IT'S NOT AS IF THEY OCCURRED  
12 BACK IN SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER WHEN NAVIGANT CAME IN TO  
13 HELP REORGANIZE THE FACILITY. IT'S STILL OCCURRING JUST A  
14 COUPLE WEEKS AGO. YOU KNOW, YOU STILL HAVEN'T TURNED THE  
15 CORNER. IN THE MEANTIME, YOU HAVE ELIMINATED TRAUMA, AND  
16 YOU'VE HAD-- MADE SOME CHANGES BUT THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IS  
17 LOW IN COMPARISON TO WHERE WE WERE.

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19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THAT'S CORRECT AND I'D BE THE  
20 LAST PERSON TO SAY THAT KING DREW OR ANY HOSPITAL THAT I'M  
21 AWARE OF IS PERFECT AND WILL BE WITHOUT A BLEMISH. SO, YES,  
22 WE'RE VERY DISAPPOINTED IN THE DIALYSIS CASE THAT A NURSE WHO  
23 WAS ADMINISTERING DIALYSIS APPEARS TO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP  
24 DURING THAT TREATMENT. THE GOOD NEWS WAS THAT THE PATIENT WAS-



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1 - IT WAS DISCOVERED AND THE PATIENT WAS TREATED ADEQUATELY AND  
2 IS DOING FINE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE THE PATIENT WOKE UP THE NURSE.

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6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENED, WE DON'T  
7 DEFEND THAT. WE HAVE TAKEN ACTION, SUSPENDED THE NURSE AND  
8 CONTINUED TO FIX THOSE THINGS. THE PREVIOUS EPISODE WAS IN  
9 MARCH AND THAT HAS, I THINK, BEEN DISCUSSED HERE AT SOME  
10 LENGTH.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** KING DREW HAS LESS PATIENTS TODAY BUT  
13 RECEIVES MORE MONEY THAN OLIVE VIEW, IS THAT CORRECT?

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YES, AND I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT, WHEN  
16 I COME FORWARD ON THE 16TH, THAT WE WILL MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO  
17 PROGRAM AND BUDGET AND STAFFING TO AT LEAST PARTIALLY  
18 COMPENSATE FOR THAT. SOME OF THE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE  
19 NAVIGANT CONTRACT AND SOME OF THE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE  
20 LARGE NUMBER OF REGISTERING TRAVELING NURSES THAT WE HAVE TO  
21 PAY AT A HIGHER RATE TO GET THEM BUT THERE ARE ALSO SOME  
22 STAFFING ISSUES AND OTHER INEFFICIENCIES THAT WE'RE ANXIOUS TO  
23 GET BACK TO ADDRESSING.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT ITEM  
3 HAS BEEN CONTINUED. LET'S SEE. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR  
4 SPECIALS.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIALS. I HAVE AN  
7 ADJOURNING MOTION.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HERE IT IS. I WANT TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
12 THE MEMORY OF DAVID SHAW, A PULITZER PRIZE WINNING REPORTER  
13 FOR "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES", WHO WAS THEIR MEDIA COLUMNIST FOR  
14 MANY YEARS, WHO PASSED AWAY THE OTHER DAY AT THE AGE OF 62.  
15 SINCE 1974, DAVID SHAW OCCUPIED A UNIQUE ROLE IN AMERICAN  
16 JOURNALISM. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO BE THE IN-HOUSE MEDIA ANALYST  
17 AND CRITIC AT THE TIMES, REPORTING ONLY TO THE EDITOR IN CHIEF  
18 WITH VIRTUALLY NO RESTRICTIONS IN THE LENGTH OR SUBJECT OF HIS  
19 INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS. HE EXAMINED LITERALLY THE QUALITY OF  
20 THE-- AND THE ACCURACY OF THE REPORTAGE OF HIS OWN PAPER. I  
21 KNEW HIM. HE INTERVIEWED ME ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS OVER THE  
22 YEARS AND HE WAS A OUTSTANDING REPORTER. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
23 WIFE, LUCIE STILL. THEIR SON, LUCAS, TWO STEPCHILDREN, JORDAN  
24 AND CHRIS TORGASON, THREE STEP GRANDCHILDREN AND A SISTER,  
25 BARBARA HOLM. THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MADAM CHAIR.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.  
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** I ALREADY DID MINE.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, THAT'S RIGHT. WE DID DO YOUR--  
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU REMEMBER THREE WEEKS AGO WE HAD  
11 MARGUERITE CLEIGER HERE FROM THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ONE OF HER  
12 OLDEST EMPLOYEES HAD JUST FALLEN AND SHE WAS IN A WHEELCHAIR  
13 WITH HER SON AND DAUGHTER. ANYWAY, SHE JUST PASSED AWAY, AND  
14 SHE HAD BEEN WITH THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOR 20 YEARS. SHE  
15 BECAME A VOLUNTEER ON APRIL 2ND, 1986. AND, IN 1998, SHE  
16 BECAME THE EMPLOYEE FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND SHE WAS AN  
17 AMBASSADOR FOR OUR CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. WHEN I DID  
18 SOME JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FOSTER YOUTH, EMANCIPATED  
19 YOUTH, SHE WAS THERE REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE  
20 VARIOUS COUNTY AGENCIES AND SHE WAS RECOGNIZED ON JUNE 21ST AT  
21 OUR MEETING HERE. A VERY SWEET AND LOVELY LADY. ALSO THAT WE  
22 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FRANK MITCHELLINA.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK WE WOULD ALL LIKE TO JOIN ON THAT  
25 ADJOURNMENT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. I ALREADY HAD DONE THAT EARLIER.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID FRANK? AND FRANK WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND  
5 AND SUPPORTER. KNEW HIM MANY, MANY YEARS BEFORE I WAS INVOLVED  
6 IN THE COUNTY. HE WAS A CRUCIAL PERSON IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
7 THE SOUTH COAST PLAZA AND THE ANAHEIM STADIUM AND THE JOHN  
8 WAYNE AIRPORT AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS, LAURIE AND KIM  
9 AND SONS, MARK AND PAUL, AND HIS BROTHER, PETER. ANNA MARIE  
10 GABRIELLA POZEEZARRO. SHE WAS A 15-YEAR-OLD FROM LA CRESCENTA  
11 WHO WAS KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT ON JULY 23RD. SHE WAS A FRESHMAN  
12 AT CRESCENTA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. SHE PLAYED J.V. SOCCER AND  
13 PLAYED SOFTBALL AND PLAYED ON THE SQUAD THERE. SHE TAUGHT MANY  
14 PEOPLE AS A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND IT'S A  
15 TRAGEDY SHE WAS KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT. MERLE ALLEN, WHO WAS  
16 THE AUTHOR I WELCOMED TO THE STORK CLUB AS WELL AS A BROADWAY  
17 ACTOR WHO PASSED AWAY. GERALDINE CLARO, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF  
18 CLARO'S ITALIAN MARKETS AND QUITE ACTIVE IN THE ITALIAN  
19 WOMEN'S CLUB, THE GABRIENA M.B. SOCIETY, THE ORPHANS OF ITALY  
20 AND THE SONS OF ITALY AND THE HISTORIC ITALIAN HALL FOUNDATION  
21 AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FUN CLUB. VICTOR ELL. VICTOR WAS A  
22 LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES, FOUNDING  
23 DIRECTOR OF THE PASADENA MUSEUM OF HISTORY, SERVED AS  
24 PRESIDENT OF THE PASADENA EXCHANGE CLUB, CHAIRMAN OF THE  
25 PASADENA PLANNING COMMISSION. HE WAS A CPA AND CONSULTANT AND



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1   BEGAN HIS CAREER AT THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE. MERLE  
2   EDISON FISH, JR. HE WAS A FORMER PASTOR OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN  
3   CHURCH OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD AND LATER BECAME AN EDUCATOR AND  
4   ADMINISTRATOR IN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, WORKING BOTH  
5   AT HARBOR AND VALLEY COLLEGE. BEN CAMELVICH, SR., WHO PASSED  
6   AWAY. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE DALMATIAN CLUB, THE JONATHAN CLUB  
7   AND THE SAN PEDRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. DEN BONG YANG...

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9   **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT ONE AS WELL, TOO.

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...WHO WAS THE FATHER OF GENE HOWELL FROM OUR  
12   PROBATION DEPARTMENT, HE PASSED AWAY AND HE WAS 77 YEARS OLD  
13   AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. THAT'S ALL. AND  
14   THEN I HAVE A MOTION...

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16   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...THAT I WOULD LIKE APPROVED TODAY. A NUMBER  
19   OF CHURCHES IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY  
20   TARGETED BY THIEVES AND VANDALS BEGINNING MARCH OF THIS YEAR.  
21   THOSE INCLUDE ST. CLAIRE'S ON CAMP PENALTY ROAD; CALVARY  
22   LUTHERAN CHURCH, BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN ON LUTHER DRIVE AND SANTA  
23   CLARITA BAPTIST CHURCH, WHICH HAVE ALL HAD SIGNIFICANT DAMAGES  
24   FROM THESE CRIMES. THE SANTA CLARITA SHERIFF'S STATION IS  
25   SEEKING INFORMATION WHICH MAY LEAD TO THE ARREST AND



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1 CONVICTION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD OFFER  
2 A 10,000-DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THAT ARREST  
3 AND CONVICTION OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.  
6 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT. ALL RIGHT. ON THE  
7 ADJOURNMENT THAT I HAVE, IS I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
8 THE MEMORY OF ABIGAIL GARCIA ORTIZ, WHO WAS A LONG-TIME  
9 FLORENCE-FIRESTONE RESIDENT. MS. ORTIZ CARED DEEPLY ABOUT THE  
10 COMMUNITY AND DEMONSTRATED HER WILLINGNESS TO MAKE A  
11 DIFFERENCE THROUGH HER INVOLVEMENT IN MORE ADVOCACY FOR SAFE  
12 HOME, OUR M.A.S.H. PROGRAM, WHICH SHE ORGANIZED IN THE FIRST  
13 DISTRICT TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER OUR RESIDENTS. WE WANT TO  
14 EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE FOR HER SIGNIFICANT LEADERSHIP AND  
15 CONTRIBUTIONS AS WELL AS OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO HER ENTIRE  
16 FAMILY. SO ORDERED ON THAT ADJOURNMENT. THIS LAST ITEM THAT WE  
17 HAVE IS PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE ONE PERSON WHO IS SIGNED UP.  
18 LEANETTE HILL. IF MISS HILL WOULD JOIN US.

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20 **LEANETTE HILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. I WANTED TO BRING UP THE  
21 ISSUE OF THE DIEBOLD VOTING TECHNOLOGY AND HOW THEY WERE  
22 BASICALLY BANNED FROM ALL 50 STATES IN VOTING TECHNOLOGY  
23 BOXES. THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MISHAP WE HAD IN FLORIDA  
24 WITH THE VOTE COUNT, OHIO, AND THEY'RE GOING AROUND TO ALL THE  
25 COUNTIES NOW TRYING TO PULL THE SAME SHENANIGANS, YOU KNOW,



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1 BUY INTO THEIR VOTING SYSTEM BOXES WHEN, IN FACT, THEY ARE  
2 FRAUDULENT AND I BELIEVE THAT THE TAXPAYERS DESERVE A LOT  
3 BETTER THAN WHAT DIEBOLD IS OFFERING. ALSO, I'D LIKE TO TALK  
4 TO YOU ABOUT THE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM. I DO AGREE WITH  
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HOW WE COULD PAY 500,000 FOR MORE  
6 AGGRESSIVE DETOX AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, I'M NOT  
7 AGAINST THE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM. I WOULD THINK THAT WE  
8 NEED 125,000 FOR THE NEEDLES AND THE REST OF THE MONEY GOING  
9 TOWARD ACTUAL TREATMENT BECAUSE THEY JUST CUT THE BUDGET IN  
10 HALF FOR THE NARC AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT HAVE TO DEAL  
11 WITH A LOT OF THESE DRUG ADDICTS NOW THAT ARE ON THE  
12 METHAMPHETAMINES THAT IS OUT OF PROPORTION AND, OF COURSE, WE  
13 HAVE THE A.I.D.S. AND THE CRACK COCAINE, WHICH IS REALLY OUT  
14 OF CONTROL, ESPECIALLY IN THE INNER CITIES, AND THEN WE HAVE  
15 NO REAL PLANNING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS FOR-- AS FAR AS THE  
16 LIQUOR STORES, THE MOTELS AND ALL OF THE MAGNETS ARE IN THE  
17 CITY THAT ATTRACT DRUG ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS AND THE  
18 CRIMINALS. ALSO, I WAS READING IN THE DAILY NEWS THAT THE  
19 INLAND EMPIRE HOSPITALS, THEY RANK THE LOWEST-- RATHER, THE  
20 VALLEY HOSPITALS RANKED THE LOWEST IN HEART PATIENT CARE, IN  
21 PNEUMONIA CARE PATIENTS. I THINK THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT KING  
22 DREW BEING PRIVATIZED BUT NO ONE EVER HEARS ANYTHING ABOUT  
23 THOSE OTHER HOSPITALS, ABOUT THEM BEING PRIVATIZED AND I  
24 BELIEVE THAT PRIVATIZATION IS NOT GOING TO BE THE ANSWER FOR  
25 ANY OF OUR HOSPITALS WHEN WE HAVE THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS THAT



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1 WE HAVE WITH THESE HOSPITALS, NOT TO MENTION THE COMMUNICABLE  
2 DISEASES LIKE T.B. AND THE TERRORISM THAT WE'RE FACING NOW,  
3 LIKE WHAT HAPPENED IN LONDON. YOU KNOW, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN.  
4 THEY HAD A BOMB SQUARE IN DOWNTOWN L.A. TODAY. WE BETTER KEEP  
5 OUR HOSPITALS OPEN. WE BETTER DO SOMETHING REAL QUICK. IF WE  
6 HAVE TO MAKE THEM ALL BE ON THE AUDIT SYSTEM FOR EVERY SIX  
7 MONTHS UNTIL THEY GET THIS THING STRAIGHT, BECAUSE NAVIGANT  
8 AND ALL THESE OTHER PEOPLE ARE PULLING OUR CHAIN AND GIVING US  
9 THE RUN AROUND AND THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE KING DREW, WHAT DO  
10 THEY CALL THAT, THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE KING DREW AN EXAMPLE  
11 AND THAT'S THE WRONG PLACE TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. WE ARE GOING  
14 TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, SO IF I COULD HAVE...

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
17 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-  
19 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
20 LITIGATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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